

# SMALL GROUP SERMON STUDY

## *Leader's Guide*

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**Mother's Day**

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**Timeless truth: God deals with disobedience,  
but His compassion never ends.**

### **Chapter Summary**

According to the Bible, being a mother is a rich calling from God. This week's study focuses on encouragement and exaltation of mothers.

### **For Discussion**

1. Ask members of the group to tell ways that their mother positively affected them. If their mother was a Christian, how did her life and words affect their relationship with God?
2. What can we learn about motherhood from the following Bible passages?  
Exodus 20:12  
Leviticus 20:9  
Proverbs 1:8  
Proverbs 10:1  
Proverbs 23:22-25  
Proverbs 29:15  
2 Timothy 1:5  
1 Timothy 5:3-8  
Titus 2:3-5  
Romans 16:13
3. Have someone in the group read Proverbs 31:10-31. This passage is full of ancient Hebrew culture, but the spirit of the ideal mom and wife is threaded throughout. In what ways can a modern woman of God learn from this 1000 B.C. godly woman?
4. Our culture promotes many different ideas about motherhood.  
-- What factors in our society work against godly moms?  
-- What are some timeless principles that a Christian mother can embrace?

6. Below are various situations in which moms find themselves. What guidance or help can the church offer each?  
Working mom  
Single mom  
Mom with four or more young children  
Mom with rebellious children  
Mom of stepchildren  
Mom with grown children  
Women who would like to be mothers and are not

What could your group do to help a mom you know in one of these life situations?

7. As Kyle preached this week, what other insights did you write notes about that the group has not discussed tonight? What questions did you have as Kyle preached that have not been answered? Ask the group to brainstorm possible answers with you.

### **For Further Study**

Articles about motherhood, available for download on Crossroads Website:

*A Mother to Me* by David Faust  
*Let's Celebrate "Other Mother" Day* by Jeanne Zorns  
*Where Have the Years Gone?* By Nancy Otto Boffo  
*What Every Woman Wants from Her Children* by Virelle Kidder

Books on family recommended from a survey among Crossroads office staff and pastors:

*Bringing Up Boys* by James Dobson  
*The Walk Out Woman* By Dr. Steve Stephens and Alice Gray  
*Choosing to Cheat* by Andy Stanley  
*Dare to Discipline* by James Dobson  
*The Five Love Languages* by Gary Smalley  
*Anchorman* by Steve Farrar  
*Raising Spiritual Champions* by Jean K. Lawson  
*Hide or Seek* by James Dobson  
*The Way to Your Child's Heart* by Gary Smalley  
*Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp