



SERMON: Mother's Day

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on Derek's Mother's Day Sermon, was there any point that challenged or inspired you?
2. Why do you think Pastor Derek took such great care in acknowledging the complexity of Mother's Day?
3. **Read: Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:3-14; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Ephesians 3:18-19**
How do we keep these scriptures forefront in our minds? How do we stay conscious of God's love for us as we move through our days?
4. **You are loved by God because of who you are not because of what you've done.**
Are you able to understand this, day to day? What does this mean to you?
5. **Read Proverbs 31:28**
How can we express our appreciation for our mothers? How can mothers find peace even with a lack of expressed appreciation?
6. **Read: Ephesians 2:10; 2 Peter 1:10**
What does it mean to you that motherhood is a calling? What other pursuits in this life rise to the level of a calling?
7. Pastor Derek's 4th point instructs us that Moms play a key role in a bigger story.
Read Timothy 1:5-7. Discuss the multitude of ways that mothers influence their children and the others that they nurture. Ask a group member to share an example from their own experience where a person of great influence has been nurtured by a loving and committed mother.

Next Steps: Derek said, "God chooses ordinary, average people just like you--to do extraordinary things." In what role has God placed YOU during this season of your life? What steps can you take to relying more fully on Him and allowing Him to be extraordinary through you?

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for the family structures that you've provided for us. We thank you especially for motherhood, in all of its complexity. We pray that we may be appreciative of our mothers now or in memory and we ask for your healing if our families were not the kind and nurturing bodies that you have designed for us. We thank you for your mercy and grace and for your sacrifice, which demonstrates, beyond all doubt, your deep love for us.