

PUTTING THE BIBLE AT THE HEART OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Session 2 The Bible in the home – Scripture-based Family Life
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HANDOUT

“The world of the Bible is like your world – messy and broken. The people of the Bible are like you and your spouse - weak and failing. The situations of the Bible are like yours – complicated and unexpected....but in all of this you are not left to your own resources. The God who determined your address lives there with you...” Paul David Tripp ‘*What did you expect?*’

MARRIAGE

A. BIBLE PRINCIPLES

In Genesis 2:24 we read how God instituted marriage:

- A man and a woman - together for life
- Leaving home – physically as well as emotionally – followed by marriage in an act of lifelong commitment
- Then and only then, the sexual union

In Ephesians 5:21-25 the roles of husband and wife are set out.

“A husband should never use his headship to crush or stifle his wife or frustrate her from being herself. His love for her will lead him to an exactly opposite path. He will give himself for her in order that she may develop her full potential under God and so become more completely herself.” John Stott

“Marriage was never intended as a comfort station for lazy people. On the contrary, it is a systematic programme of deliberate and thorough-going self-sacrifice.” Mike Mason

A. WORKING IT OUT

So how should the Bible function in Christian marriage? How should its teaching affect the way we live?

- Our relationship with the Lord
- Exodus 20:8; Hebrews 10:25
- Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2
- Exodus 20:12.
- Psalm 16:8 – a great word for any of these situations:
- Ephesians 4:26,27
- 1 Chronicles 29:14b
- Matthew 25:14-30
- Proverbs 3:5,6
- 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
- Hebrews 13:4
- Acts 18: 24-26
- Ephesians 4:32

CONSIDER: Either on your own or with your spouse: How far is the Bible affecting the way you live as a married couple? Are there things that need to change? Share with one another...

PARENTING

A. BIBLE PRINCIPLES

Have a godly vision for your parenting Psalm 78:1-7. Children are a gift from God. Psalm 127:3. They are infinitely precious in God's eyes. Matthew 19:13-15. Matthew 18:5-6

We must understand that it is through the godly family that God's grace, a vision of God, a burden for the world and a Christian character are most powerfully communicated.

Kent and Barbara Hughes *Disciplines of a Godly Family*

The prime responsibility is ours as parents. Deuteronomy 6:5-7. Ephesians 6:4. Proverbs 31:26

The context in which we are bringing them up.

B. WORKING IT OUT

1. Make sure your child knows they are loved unconditionally – as God loves them

2. Give them solid spiritual guidance through

- prayer
- the word

Great truths from the Bible to teach them for life:

- Keeping Sunday special Exodus 20:8
- Coping with disappointment Romans 8:28; Genesis 37-50
- How to forgive Ephesians 4:32
- Not to be afraid Joshua 1:9
- If the world seems scary, God is in control Isaiah 40:15-24
- If they think God has forgotten them, he has not Isaiah 40:27-31
- Honour your parents Exodus 20:12
- family worship
- helping them develop their own walk with God:
- attendance at a bible teaching church and Sunday School
- discipline
- you living it out
- learning to serve
- other key people as part of their instruction in the Lord

3. Harness modern technology for good

4. Prepare them for the world

C. SOME OTHER SPECIAL PEOPLE

Grandparents

Prodigal Children

CONSIDER

Turn to someone near you, and spend a few minutes talking about one thing that is encouraging you in your parenting and one thing that is a challenge. Then spend a few moments each praying for your own children.

RESOURCES

Marriage

What did you expect? Redeeming the realities of marriage
The Meaning of Marriage
Just the Two of Us

Paul David Tripp
Tim and Kathy Keller
Ellie Margesson & Sue McGowan

Family

Gospel-centred Family
Disciplines of a Godly Family
The Sixty Minute Family

Tim Chester and Ed Moll
Kent Hughes
Rob Parsons

Children

Aren't they lovely when they're asleep?
How to really love your child
Parenting children for a life of faith
Getting your kids through church without them ending up hating God
Everything a Child should know about God
Long Story Short

Ann Benton
Ross Campbell
Rachel Turner

Rob Parsons
Kenneth Taylor
Marty Machowski

Teenagers

How to really love your teenager
Age of Opportunity (on teenagers)
The Sixty Minute Father
The Sixty Minute Mother
The Sixty Minute Grandparent

Ross Campbell
Paul David Tripp
Rob Parsons
Rob Parsons
Rob Parsons

Bibles

The Beginners Bible
The Jesus Storybook Bible
ERV Youth Bible

Zondervan
Sally Lloyd Jones
Authentic

Notes

Age appropriate Bible reading notes provided by The Good Book Company and Scripture Union.

Family Worship

Table Talk
The One Year book of fun/active devotions for kids
The Big Picture Family Devotional
Together with God
(there is a related podcast too)

Good Book Company
Tyndale
Tyndale
Ed Mackenzie & Gareth Crispin