



Being a Man of God in an Ungodly Culture

Ice Breaker: Tell us a favorite memory of your Dad or a man in your life that has blessed you and helped you in life.

Read together: Joshua 24:14-15

The man of God...

1. Accepts that he is accountable to God for his family.

Discuss:

- What does accountability mean?
- Men, what are your emotions when you hear this statement?
- Women, how do you respond to this statement?

2. Chooses daily to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the Word of God.

Read together: James 1:17 & Isaiah 3:12

Discuss:

- What does the Lordship of Jesus look like in your life?
- What areas of life do you struggle to surrender to the LORDSHIP of Jesus? (This applies to men AND to women).
- What are some habits you can implement to keep your heart focused on submitting to the Lord?

3. Is the protector of those God has assigned under his care.

Read together: Ephesians 5:11 & *“Whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

Discuss:

- Those assigned to your care could extend beyond your own household. Tell us about those assigned to your care. (Wife, children, others living in your home, mentees, co-workers.....etc.)
- What are some ways that you can differentiate your household from others on your street, your school, your workplace, your social circles?
- What makes you different?
- How do we PROTECT those in our care in different stages of life?
 - Childhood
 - Preteen
 - Teenager
 - Young adult
 - Adult
 - Aging

Pray together:

Father, as men in the church, help us to walk in Your ways and set examples that our families want to follow. Give us the mind and the spirit of Christ to lead in the way that Jesus leads. Help us to be faithful to You so that others are drawn to me because of my connection to You!

As women, help us to submit to and honor our husbands. Help us to encourage, not nag, our husbands in their leadership of our homes. Help us to back him up as he leans into You and listens to You for direction.

Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand YOUR leading and Your heart in our homes. Help us to support Your ways of living and give us understanding where we lack it. As for us, and our households, we will serve the Lord. Show us Your ways! In the Name of Jesus! Amen!