



Family

Icebreaker: Do you love pumpkin-flavored things? What is your favorite? If you don't love pumpkin, what is your preferred flavor for Fall?

Read Together: Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV), Mathew 19:4-6 (ESV)

Discuss:

- If you don't do things in God's order, you won't get what God intended you to get.

Read Together: Ephesians 5:23,25-33 (ESV), Luke 14:25 (ESV), Isaiah 62:6 (NKJV), 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Discuss:

God's design for man in the family.

- Authority flows to the one whom God has granted to walk in it.
- 1. Husbands are the head of the family.**
 - a. This cannot be abdicated.
 - b. He is in charge and the responsibility falls on him.
 - c. Remember that whatever you do, you carry your family with you. Decisions you make are decisions you are making for your family.
 - d. If you choose not to be present in the home, the absence in the home is what dominates the home.
 - 2. Husbands should be in love with Jesus more than anything or anyone.**
 - a. The priority is to love God and serve Him.
 - 3. Husbands are to take responsibility.**
 - a. You are to take responsibility for the actions of your family. Jesus took responsibility for things He did not do!
 - b. God's role requires you to take what God has given you and ask Him to help you respond well and respond as Jesus would to His church.
 - 4. Husbands are to protect.**
 - a. You are charged to protect those that God has put into our care.
 - b. The watchman sees something coming and cuts it off so that it cannot get to the family.
 - c. There are things the enemy is trying to bring against the family and the Husband needs discernment to cut it off before it comes.
 - d. Know what is coming in and out of your home.

5. **Husbands are to provide**

- a. The nature of God is to provide. Generosity of who you are. More than just money.
- b. Husbands provide Attention, Affection, Presence, trajectory, examples for what is consumed on Media etc.

Prayer:

Father, help us to be men of God and follow your example. Help us to lead homes that glorify you. Help us as women to support the men of our homes to thrive in the responsibility you have given them.

In Jesus' name, Amen.