

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide

Mother's Day Weekend Teaching

Teaching by Pastor Jackson

WARM-UP QUESTION

- What is one lesson you learned from your mom, a mother figure, or another influential woman in your life that has stayed with you over the years?
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DISCUSS

1. Identity Impacts Everything

Pastor Jackson shared that one of the most important questions we answer in life is not just who Jesus is, but also how we view ourselves. Culture often pressures us to build our identity around achievement, titles, careers, or success. But our true identity is found in Christ and rooted in what He has already done for us through the Cross.

Read Ephesians 1:4-7.

- Why do you think people naturally tie their identity to accomplishments, careers, or roles?
 - Pastor Jackson said, "What you do is not nearly as important as who you do it for." What does that mean to you personally?
 - What are some practical ways we can immerse ourselves in God's truth, so our identity stays rooted in Him instead of performance?
 - How have you seen "what you feed is what will grow" play out in your spiritual life?
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2. Settle Ownership Early

Using the story of Hannah dedicating Samuel to the Lord, Pastor Jackson reminded us that everything we have is a gift from God to steward, not something we truly own. This applies not only to parenting, but to every area of life.

Read 1 Samuel 1:26-28.

- Why is it difficult for people to release control and trust God fully with what matters most to them?
 - What is the difference between stewardship and ownership?
 - How could viewing our relationships, resources, and opportunities as gifts from God change the way we live?
 - Is there an area of your life where God may be asking you to trust Him more deeply right now?
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3. Have Fun Along the Way

Pastor Jackson reminded us that life does not have to be perfect before we allow ourselves to enjoy it. In a world full of pressure, stress, and constant striving, Scripture still encourages us to experience joy and gratitude in everyday moments.

Read Ecclesiastes 8:15.

- Why do you think people often delay joy while waiting for life to feel easier or more complete?
 - What are some simple moments or rhythms in life that bring genuine joy and connection?
 - How can having fun and enjoying life strengthen relationships and spiritual health?
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4. Prioritize Repetition

Pastor Jackson talked about the power of consistency and daily habits. We are often drawn toward dramatic change, but lasting transformation usually happens through small, faithful steps repeated over time.

Read Galatians 6:9-10.

- Why do people often lose motivation when they do not see immediate results?
- What are some small habits that can have a big spiritual impact over time?
- How does trusting God's timing help us remain faithful in seasons where growth feels slow?
- Where do you need encouragement to "not give up" right now?

5. True Joy Is Found in Selflessness

Pastor Jackson shared that Jesus completely flipped the world's definition of joy and significance upside down. Instead of finding fulfillment through self-focus, Jesus taught that purpose and joy are discovered through humility, sacrifice, and serving others.

Read Philippians 2:3-7 and Matthew 10:39.

- Why is selflessness so countercultural in today's world?
- Pastor Jackson said we often search for joy "under all the wrong rocks." Where do people commonly look for fulfillment that ultimately leaves them empty?
- How have you experienced greater joy through serving or investing in someone else?
- What would it look like for you to live in a way that communicates, "This life is not just about me"?

CLOSING REFLECTION

Which statement stands out to you most today?

- I need to root my identity more deeply in Christ rather than performance or achievement.
- I need to trust God with an area of my life I've been trying to control.
- I need to slow down and enjoy the life God has given me.
- I need to stay faithful in small, daily habits and not give up.
- I need to shift my focus from myself toward serving and loving others more intentionally.

PRAYER

Close by thanking God for the women and mother figures who have impacted your life. Thank Him for the identity, grace, and purpose we find in Christ alone. Ask Him to help you trust Him fully, remain faithful in daily obedience, and discover true joy through humility and selflessness. Pray for encouragement and peace for those experiencing grief, longing, or difficult emotions on Mother's Day weekend.