



Joanah the Mother

A Special Mother's Day Message

Please watch the sermon video and then use the questions below to begin your discussion of the message in your group. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you an understanding of His Word.

Core Message:

God has a call on all of our lives. God has called many women to be mothers. It is as distinct a calling as Jonah's calling – and just as tough sometimes! And the result can be just as grand. We celebrate our moms and express gratitude for diligently carrying out their calling.

Ice Breaker Question:

- Growing up did you have any family traditions? If so, tell about one.

Discussion Questions:

In your answers and discussion together, think about your own mother, step-mother, mother-in-law, or other mother figure in your life. If you are a mom, reflect on the questions from your personal perspective as well. In these questions we will just refer to "mom" – you can interpret the questions for your own situation.

- Read Proverbs 31:10-31 about the woman of noble character. In verse 28 it says, "her children arise and call her blessed". What is it about this woman that would cause her children to say that about her? Could you say any of these things about your mom? How does this influence you in your walk with the Lord?
- What virtue did you see in your mom that you hope to emulate?

- One of the ten commandments “Honor your father and your mother” (Exodus 20:12) is also repeated in the New Testament in Ephesians 6:2. How have you shown honor to your mom? How would you like to do so in the future? If you are a mom, how have you shown yourself worthy of honor? How could you improve?
- God provided your mom with gifts, talents and opportunities to serve Him. Tell about some of those gifts, talents, and opportunities.
- Jonah was called to do something he clearly did NOT want to do. Your mom has had to do things she did not want to do as well. Why did she carry out those responsibilities? Read Isaiah 49:15, Psalm 116:4-7, and 1 Peter. 5:7. How does her diligence reflect God’s care for his children?

Thought Question:

- What relationship has God called you in to? How will you follow His call in that relationship?