

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What characteristics are you most grateful for in your mom or a mom?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What special memories do you have of your mom or your mom figure?
3. Please read Genesis 25:19-28. What special meaning do the names of Jacob and Esau have? Do you know the meaning of your name? If not, look it up and talk about how close the meaning of your name relates to you and your character. Do you think people live up to their names? Why or why not?
4. Describe Jacob and Esau's personalities. Which one do you relate to the most?
5. Describe the issues you see in this typical family. Do any of those issues surprise you?
6. Read Ephesians 5:21-27. How would you describe "submit to one another" through the lens of God's love.
7. Look up the word "Respect" and talk about it in terms of submitting to one another. What role does respect play in Ephesians 5:21-27?
 - a. How do love and respect work together to bring about the desired effect Paul was trying to communicate about marriage in the verses you read?
8. Read Mark 10:43-45. How can you be a servant leader in your home

9. Look up the following verses: Ephesians 4:32, Proverbs 12:22, James 1:19. What is the advice given to the believer in these verses? Which verse speaks to you the most?

10. Read Joshua 24:15. Why do you think the brothers had such different points of view regarding the birthright?

11. The 5 Love Languages are
 - a. Physical Touch
 - b. Words of Affirmation
 - c. Quality Time
 - d. Gifts
 - e. Acts of Service

12. If you have children, discuss which love languages your children have and how you meet their needs. If you don't have children, talk about your love languages.

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God puts us in situations to wait on Him
- Walk with God, even when things don't make sense.
- "Train up a child in the way he should go - but be sure you go that way yourself." - Charles Spurgeon
- "The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said." - Peter F. Drucker
- Parents are the first teachers and the main influences in the a child's life. How the marriage relationship is played out will greatly affect your children. They will learn how to love, how to respect, how to disagree, how to stand up for what they believe, and so much more from their parent's marriage.