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Home Group Discussion Guide

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Mother's Day 2015

ICEBREAKER: When you travel, do you pack too much or too little? Explain.

OVERVIEW: God has a very special purpose for women, but that purpose can get lost under all of the lies in our culture. Are marriage and kids simply burdens to avoid for as long as possible? Is it ridiculous for a woman to waste her potential by working in the home? Is it essential for mothers to involve their kids in as many activities as time and money will allow? These are real questions that real women wrestle with every day. So what's the truth?

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Proverbs 31:10-31. What does this passage teach about the kind of woman that the Bible esteems?
3. In Sunday's sermon we learned about 3 lies our culture tells women. Can you think of any more?
4. The first lie is to wait as long as you can to get married and have children, or you will waste your life. But the Bible is clear that marriage and parenthood are among the greatest blessings in life (Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 18:22). How can marriage make life fuller and more meaningful? What about parenthood?
5. If marriage and parenthood are such great blessings, then why are people waiting longer and longer to have children? What are some good reasons to put off marriage and kids? What are some bad reasons?

6. In the sermon we heard some of the risks of purposefully delaying marriage and kids. What are some of the risks? Should people seriously consider these risks, or are they unimportant?
7. The second lie that culture tells women is that you need to do it all – family and career – or you are a wimp. But the truth is that a woman devoting herself full-time to caring for her home and family is a noble calling. Have you ever witnessed any negativity toward homemakers? Explain.
8. What is the difference between a homemaker and a housekeeper? What are the pros and cons of being a homemaker, and the pros and cons of a woman having a career outside the home?
9. How do you know if God is calling you to be a homemaker?
10. The third lie that culture tells women is that your kids need to be involved in everything, or you are a lousy mother. The truth is that all you need to do to be a good mother is to fulfill your primary mission, and the rest is optional. What is a mother's primary mission?
11. There are so many options for kids in our culture (dance, ballet, scouts, multiple sports, musical instruments, martial arts, etc.). Which activities are essential for a mother to accomplish her mission? Which activities are optional?
12. How can a mother resist the pressure to over-involve her kids?

The Last Word: To fulfill the unique and important role that God has for you as a woman, you can't follow the current of culture. You need to get your instructions from God's word. What does God's word say about being a woman? About marriage? About children? About parenting?