

MOTHERS' DAY AT ELIM

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

What is the number one quality you think a Mum should have?

What's your funniest memory of being disciplined by your Mum (or another hero in your household)?

Proverbs 3:3-4. "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man."

Mercy is undeserved kindness in the picture of Jesus on the cross – holding back the punishment meant for us, and taking it upon Himself. Truth is embodied in Jesus – and in Him the truth is a solid foundation upon which we can build our lives.

Truth without mercy is legalism – mercy without truth is wishy-washy. What does this statement say to you?

Tumby shared her experiences growing up and her parents divorcing at a young age – and the powerful example of her mother who made the choice to walk in forgiveness and to encourage Tumby and her siblings to honour and respect their Dad. Forgiveness is a choice – and when we step out and choose to forgive, we find freedom. Lifegroups are a safe place where you can share the challenges and successes of life – take some time to encourage one another in walking out forgiveness – are there any people you may need to forgive today?

Kerri talked about the faithfulness of God in her journey through the prison system. She talked about the hunger she carried for the Word of God – and the way God's word sustained her through this time. Kerri also talked about the wisdom of seeking advice and guidance from Godly leadership. How would you describe your understanding and familiarity with the Word of God? Who would you talk to if you needed insights or advice?

Cheryl talked about standing up to a bully, and standing up for the truth – not only for herself, but for others! Sometimes standing up for the truth can be a lonely or scary prospect – however when we do this, God is faithful and will bring honour our way! Is there any situation, circumstance or person in your world (work, home, school etc.) that needs someone to stand up for truth? What could you do? What might be the things that hold you back from doing this – how could you overcome these?

Tumby talked about giving up on God at a time when she thought that her dreams and prayers were not being answered – and then the way in which God convicted her of her heart attitude. God does have his best for us – and our future is secure in Him – even when it doesn't seem that way. How would you describe your heart attitude towards God and your future right now? Are there any adjustments that you think need to happen?

Mother's Day is a day where we celebrate and honour our Mums – what is one positive thing that your Mum has taught you?

Sometimes Mother's Day can be a challenging day, if we have lost our Mums, or have had a challenging relationship with our Mums. Are you struggling with grief or disappointment in this context – if so – God is wanting to pour his love out on you in a fresh way – take some time to pray for one another and speak healing and restoration where needed.

PRAYER

Pray and take some time to be thankful for all we have been forgiven for – and pray that we would forgive others in the same way

Pray for our Mums (or the heroes in your household) and speak God's rich blessings over them

Pray for fresh revelation of God's mercy and truth in our lives and in extending this to those around us