

Develop: Women Are the Best at Nurturing Others

This Discussion Guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements. If you are using the guide in your small group, try to work through the questions on your own before you meet. You might not get to all of the questions, and that's okay. If your small group does not meet one week, walk through the guide on your own so that you can stay in sync with the series.

MAIN TEXT: Genesis 2:18-25; Titus 2:3-5; Ephesians 5:28-33

SUMMARY: Women nurture life. That's the way God designed it. That's the way He designed them.

GETTING STARTED

Share about a woman in your life as you were growing up that exemplified nurturing life? What made this so? How do cultural ideas AND church cultural ideas affect how we view women “nurturing life”?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Women nurture life by God's design. – Genesis 2:18-25
 - a) Men, what do you lack to nurture life?
 - b) What can happen when women aren't in a place to nurture life?
2. Women nurture life by their ability. – Titus 2:3-5
 - a) How does Titus 2:3-5 contrast with the messages given to women today in our culture?
 - b) What traps, according to these verses, do women need to be careful of?
 - c) Men, how can you help women in this, in a way that is Christ-like?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

By definition, nurture is to care for and encourage the growth or development. Synonyms are bring up, care for, take care of, look after, tend, rear, raise, support, foster. If there is a pet in the family – be it a dog, a cat, or a goldfish – pick one of these synonyms and talk to your children about how they “nurture” that pet.

Discuss what would happen if they did not nurture that pet? What would happen to them if you as parents did not nurture them.

Then play a game to see who can come up with the most ways to “nurture”!
Double shot of ice cream for the winner!

3. Women nurture life by the position held within society – Ephesians 5:28-33
 - a) What positions today can women be used in to nurture life? Home? Workplace? Community? Church?
 - b) In marriage, how does a woman nurture the life of her husband according to Ephesians 5:28-33?

NEXT STEPS

- Read John 11:28-36. What position did Mary take with Jesus that shows a good example for women AND men?
- How does this apply to you?
- Man or woman, what can you do to help fulfill this call on a woman’s life?