

MEETING GUIDE – PARENTING

A Sample Timeline and Discussion Guide

Session Objectives

Each woman will understand God's perspective on parenting

Each couple will communicate their goals in parenting

Community will continue to grow among the women

7:00 ARRIVAL AND OPENING PRAYER

7:05 SCRIPTURE MEMORY REVIEW

7:20 DISCUSS BOOK

"How would you describe this book to someone who did not read it?"

"How did God use this book to encourage and spur you on as a mother?"

"What specific things do you want to remember and apply with your children?"

"What areas do you find the most challenging now?"

8:15 BREAK

8:30 DISCUSS MARRIAGE FOCUS

Discuss the Marriage Exercise and Date Night Question together and have the women share the results of their date night.

There are probably some consistent themes that come out in the discussion. After everyone has had an opportunity to share, ask the women to talk about the consistent themes they've heard.

You'll want to encourage the women to continue making date night a high priority in their marriage. This is especially important when they have children. This not only helps each couple to grow in their relationship with each other, but it models for the children the importance of Mom and Dad's relationship.

9:00 PRAYER TIME

Because praying for our children is one of the most important things we can do as moms, we have allowed extra time to spend praying – not only for them as moms, but to pray specifically for each child.

“What is something specific you are praying for your children?”

“What are you asking the Lord to do to prepare you to become a parent?”

9:45 HANDOUTS FOR NEXT TIME

Pass out homework for the next month: homework assignment, scripture memory, marriage exercise, peer challenge partner, book.

9:55 WRAP UP

Encourage the women by telling them how much you appreciate their openness to share their lives with each other, as well as their commitment to the group.

Remind them that you are available to them. Depending upon your preference, suggest they call or email you if they need to speak with you before the next meeting.

Encourage them to continue being disciplined about diligently completing all their assignments. This will be a great benefit to them!

10:00 DISMISS