

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verses: Ecclesiastes 4:12b

“A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Step #2: Re-write in your own words Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Step #3: Write down what you discover from this passage
- Step #4: What will you do to obey what this passage says?

Daily Meditation Readings:

Day 1 – Psalm 119:105

Day 2 – Psalm 37:3-6

Day 3 – Matthew 18:19-20

Day 4 – Ephesians 5:21-33

Day 5 – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Lesson: A Christ Filled Home

1. According to Psalm 119:105, what role should the Word of God play in a marriage and in the home?

God's word is the lamp to my feet and the light to my path. I should seek God in my marriage and family to guide my decisions, shape my character, be my resource for wise counsel, and lead me in all decisions as I seek to lead and love my family.

2. Read Psalm 37:3-6. What instruction should we get for our marriages and our families from these verses?

If I make God first in my life, my marriage, my family then He promises to be there for me and to meet my needs and desires and He will use my life, my marriage and my family to shine out His glory to the world.

3. What does Matthew 18:19 teach us about our Christian marriage relationships?

God made us to be together and when we come together as one in Christ, He hears us and promises to answer with certainty. Christian relationships that are deep and real (most beautifully displayed in marriage) are the kind of relationships we were created for. They allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us when we come together in His name seeking Him and His righteousness.

4. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What does God's Word teach us about our character, our role, and our love in the Christ filled home?

We are called to submit to one another. There should always be humility and love in the marriage and in a home. As a husband I acknowledge that I am to love my wife as Christ loved the Church (us). He died for me out of an extreme love and desire to be with me forever. That is the love I should have for my wife.

5. What do you find to be the most difficult part to adjust to, in pursuing the Christ filled home?

Although I love Sherry very much, I realize that my unconditional everlasting love falls way short of Christ. Therefore all the more I must seek Him and ask for His power in my life to compel me to love like Jesus.

6. Share with your group what God has revealed to you through this week's memory verse, Ecclesiastes 4:12?

This verse tells me that in order for a marriage to be strong and last I must have a third party. A cord of three strands in a marriage is the husband, the wife, and God as the almighty and powerful loving third strand. If I seek to have my love for my wife be based upon the rock of my love for God and everything in our marriage is based upon His love and His Word and His presence in our life then my marriage will be strong as He transforms us to His likeness.