

Small Group Questions

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Can I Follow Jesus and... "Not be a Perfect Mom?"

This series will look at some challenging issues of our time and seek to think biblically about them. While we often want to know a simple "yes" or "no" for clarity, these issues call us beyond simplicity into depth, wisdom and discernment. Each of these issues has the potential to spark serious debate but our goal is not debate but a principle throughout the series: seeking to honor God in our decisions.

We recognize the challenge that these issues can bring to us all. Always know that the staff is here to support you in whatever ways you need. Please feel free to reach out to us if you think we can be of help to you in any way.

Thank you once again for your service to God by loving the people in your group!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. One is the trait you most admire about your mom? Why?
2. Who wore the "pants" in your family when you grew up? Give an example.

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Genesis 16:1-13

3. Of the three main characters in this story – Abram, Sarai or Hagar – which do you like the most? The least? Why?
4. Who bears responsibility for the relational dynamics that spin downward? How so?
5. What, if anything, might justify the strategy of surrogate motherhood and "helping out" the natural process when it doesn't work the way it should?
6. What does this story teach you about: 1) human nature?; 2) God?
7. Is there something specific that you've been waiting 10 years for God to do in your life? What is it?
8. From what are you tempted to run right now?
9. If you were to give God a name based on recent parts of your faith journey, what name would you give?