

DIGGING DEEPER



These questions are designed for use in our Life Groups, but they also can be used in personal and family devotions.

Series: A Family Portrait
Sermon: Built to Last
Scripture: Psalm 127:1, 2

Getting Started

Describe a negative experience you had when purchasing a product that didn't live up to its expectations, or which you had to replace or have repaired often (e.g. car, appliance, cell phone).

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Psalm 127:1, 2. What are some ways in which the world's views towards family and the home may differ from God's standards?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-10 and answer the following questions.
 - a. By referring to these teachings as "commands, decrees and laws" (v. 1), what is God intending to convey to the Israelites?
 - b. What benefits would result from teaching these commands to their children and observing these teachings, according to verses 2-3?
 - c. To whom is God speaking in verse 6 when He says, "These commandments...are to be on your hearts."?
 - d. According to verse 7, when is a good time to teach your children spiritual truths?
 - e. What would be the value of tying these teachings as symbols to one's hands and forehead or of writing them on the doorposts of the house?

Apply It

As you reflect upon Sunday's sermon and this study, what lessons do you find most helpful to you in building a home that is designed to last? Summarize two or three such lessons in a sentence or two, and pray that God would enable you to make application of these truths to your life.