

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



## Connect Members

Besides Married with Children, what TV show family do you think showed a very unhealthy family dynamic (parenting, marriage, etc.)?

Which TV show family do you think showed a very healthy family dynamic?

## Connect Members to God

**Read Luke 2:41-52.** In the message, we learned that Joseph and Mary's expectation of what Jesus should be focusing on and where Jesus should be was different from his. 12 year old Jesus was in the Temple preparing for his ministry of salvation (growing in wisdom and stature – Luke 2:52). Jesus' divine purpose took priority over any other earthly priority.

Did you have any dreams for your children that you realize won't come true?

How do we help a child to become all that God knows they can be?

## Apply the Teaching

In the message, we learned that strengthening your marriage is the most powerful lesson you can model for your children. Having a regular date night is a tool but it's not the key. Joining a couples' group or finding a couples' therapist are tools but they're not the key. The key is to follow God's plan to be "2 becoming 1 flesh." You have to be the person who is always there to build them up. You have to be the one who sees in them their divine potential – the person that God always dreamed they could be. This teaches your children how to treat their future spouse and how their future spouse should treat them.

If you had to define "marriage," what words would you use? What makes marriage different from any other human relationship?

How are you and your spouse different? How have your differences shaped and impacted your relationship – whether for better or for worse?

If you had to come up with an idea for a fun and exciting outing, what would it be? What would you like to do that you've never done together before?

