Starting point:
If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website www.vcfj.org and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

Overview
- Pastor stated that the Bible clearly states that mothers are a gift from God. Why should we celebrate Mother's Day?
- Read Prov. 1:8. King Solomon wrote these words. What is he saying about his life and his mother?
- Read 1 Kings 2:13-18. What can be learned from these verses about King Solomon and his respect for his mother?
- Why is it important for us to get advice on family matters from the Bible (God's words) or is it okay to get it from worldly outlets?

The family is GOD'S IDEA.
Gen. 1:27-28
- Read Gen. 1:27-28. What are God's directions for us?
- What was God's plan with His words, “fill the earth?”
- Read Gen. 2:24. What was God's plan for a family?
The family is GOD’S BASIC SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

*Prov. 1:8*

- Read *Prov. 1:8* again. What is God’s plan for family environment?
- Why is this environment so important for the children?
- Is it the parent’s responsibility to do all the teaching of their children? As parents, we will be asked to give an account to God for how we raised our children. If you are a parent, what will you be telling God?

The family’s FOUNDATION IS THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

*Prov. 1:7*

- What does *Prov. 1:7* tell parents about what our daily job is with our children?
- What do the words, “the fear of the Lord” teach us? Using a school term, where does the family “curriculum” come from? What does mutual responsibility in raising a family mean?
- Read *2 Tim 1:5 and 2 Tim 3:14-15*.
- What can we learn about raising a family?
- What was the result of teaching Timothy “the fear of the Lord?”
- How does this relate to what is said in *Prov. 1:7*?

The family is PROMISED REWARDS

*Prov. 1:9*

- What do we learn will happen when we fight off spiritual warfare and fight for our family?
- What is the “good news and rewards” for parents?
- What does *Eph. 6:13* specifically tell children to do?
- What will be the results of their behavior?

Application

- What did we learn from the bible verses and pastor’s message about mothers being our true gift from God?
- What is the everyday practical application for parents from this message?
- What is expected of the father in the family?
- What is expected of the mother in the family?
- What is the responsibility of the children in the family?