



Family Matters: Bringing up children is everyone's job
Ephesians 6:4

Main Idea: Family Matters because it is God's methodology for producing godly people

Connect: What TV family best represents your family: Waltons? Bradys? Simpsons? Huxtables? Tanners? Or Flintstones?

Discuss

1. What advice from the sermon have you found most relevant to your current family situation?
2. How does a parent find balance between giving their children both the love and affection they need and the discipline and training they require? What happens when that is out of balance?
3. Think back to your childhood. What is something that had a strong impact on your perception of God? If it was positive, how can you pass that along to the "children" around you?
4. How would you describe a Christ-centered household? What types of attitudes, actions, and behaviors would characterize it?
5. Whether there are children in your home or not, what is one thing you would want the children watching you to know about God? How can you make sure that message is received clearly? Are you unintentionally doing anything to muddy the waters?

Live it Out

- In the launch video for the Family Matters series, Pastor Jesse said, "With God's help, our family life will be better than it has ever been." Take some time to think about the things that bring joy and love to your family, instead of focusing on what causes drain and strife. Thank God for the blessings He has provided for you and your family.
- Pray for those in your family today, and for the family you hope to have in the future.
- If you have children, let them see you pray. Show them what it means to have a relationship with God. And if you need help with your relationship with God, let someone know. Build healthy habits within yourself and your home.

Other Scripture references Ex. 20:12; Pr. 1:8; 6:20; 23:22; Rm. 10:19; Col. 3:20