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THE CONVERSATION STARTER

“Grandma Nine-Pies”



GOOD GIFTS

Launch your study with this
CONVERSATION STARTER

Watch the video or read it below.



READ

Before the study, take a moment to read Matt. 15:4; Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 127-128



BONUS RESOURCE

Feel free to listen to **Weekly episode #160, “Your Family Versus Mine”** before your study, as an example of a conversation led by this study guide.

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I’ve been to plenty of parties over the years that weren’t any fun. It’s sad, but no one wants to throw a stinker of a celebration. With all your party planning, you want people to enjoy themselves, feel comfortable and welcomed, and focus their attention on the people and the reason for gathering. But sometimes, a party just goes stale, and people wind up wishing they’d stayed home in their pajamas. So, are followers of Christ any fun? Are we joyful people who know how to let loose and have a good time? So as we continue to think together about God’s amazing gifts, let’s see the blessing of joyfully celebrating life’s good things!



THE BIG IDEA

It pleases and glorifies God when we gratefully enjoy his blessings together.

As with so many of the good gifts we’ve considered already, joyful celebration is a timeless activity we practice now, while we wait to do it for all eternity! Just imagine a scene like the one John saw in Revelation 19, where multitudes shouted praise to God as they waited for the great wedding feast of the Lamb. Also, picture the angel’s celebrations when lost souls return to the Lord (Luke 15:3-10). It’s safe to say that we’ve never been to a party like the ones in heaven!

After all, God gives us laughter and meals shared with good company! We can “eat and drink and find enjoyment ... from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment” (Eccl. 2:24-25). But as with everything in life, we party sincerely, thoughtfully, and with plenty of self-control. Of course, we must “fear God and keep his commandments” (Eccl. 12:13), but also, “be joyful and ... do good ... eat and drink and take pleasure ... this is God’s gift to man” (Eccl. 3:12-13).



THE BIG QUESTION

How are you expressing your joy and enthusiasm to those around you?

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INTRODUCTION



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ICE BREAKER — Get everyone engaged and talking. Who always lightens the mood in your family?

ACT I



JESUS SAID: Matthew 15:3-6
What's the main point of this passage?

What insights and applications do you take from these words of Christ? What do we need to get from these words that – if understood and applied – has the power to bless and strengthen us?

Is there anything else here you find helpful or interesting? Anything you've never noticed before – or have always loved about these words?

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ACT II



FLYING THROUGH THE BOOK of Ruth

Sometimes it's helpful to journey through a Bible book briskly enough to see the big picture the story presents. If you're studying with a group, ask each participant to prepare some notes using the guide below. Then take turns summarizing the chapters and your insights.

We don't know who wrote Ruth, but it's obviously meant for a Jewish audience to understand the backstory of one of the greatest figures of all time – David, whose genealogy concludes the story, as God brings a Gentile into Christ's line. It shows how prayers and righteous acts by three individuals propel the story forward and set the stage for a king after God's heart and ultimately, the savior of the world.

Ruth Chapter 1

Main point:

High-level outline:

- Verses 1-5:
- Verses 6-18:
- Verses 19-22:

Key verse:

Key word:

Main insight:

Ruth Chapter 2

Main point:

High-level outline:

- Verses 1-5:
- Verses 6-18:
- Verses 19-22:

Key verse:

Key word:

Main insight:

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ACT II (CONTINUED)

Ruth Chapter 3

Main point:

High-level outline:

- Verses 1-5:
- Verses 6-18:
- Verses 19-22:

Key verse:

Key word:

Main insight:

Ruth Chapter 4

Main point:

High-level outline:

- Verses 1-5:
- Verses 6-18:
- Verses 19-22:

Key verse:

Key word:

Main insight:

Final Thoughts

What is your biggest takeaway from the book?

What does the book have to say about family?

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ACT III



REACH OUT — Connect with each other with this question.

How have you seen your role in your family change over the years?

WRAP UP



THE CHALLENGE — Ready to put it into practice?

Share with a family member how they've blessed your life.



REQUEST — Go to God in a closing prayer.

“Holy Father, teach us how to honor you as we’ve learned to honor our earthly fathers.”
(cf. Heb. 12:7-11).



NEXT SESSION — Friendship

Prepare by reading John 15:13-15; Proverbs 27:5-17; 1 Samuel 18:1-4