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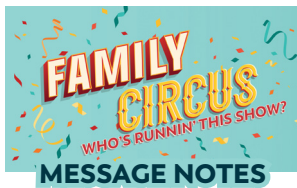
WHO'S RUNNIN' THIS SHOW?

"DO YOU PROMISE...?"

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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What is the craziest place you have gone to by taking a wrong turn while driving?

1. How have you seen wisdom and good sense impact your family and what has your role been in that? Read [Proverbs 24:3](#).
2. Read [Ephesians 5:25](#) and [Philippians 2:5-8](#). What are some of the real life ways Christ loved His Church and what does that look like in a marriage relationship?
3. Read [1 Peter 3:7](#) and [Ephesians 5:28-33](#). God's view on how a husband is to treat his wife is clear. In light of this, what will it look like this week to up your game in honoring your wife? (For the women in the group, what would make you feel honored?)
4. One of the beautiful differences God created in men and women are the way feelings are processed, and wives want, and need, to be cherished (To feel that she is more important to her husband than anything else.) How are you cherishing your wife? (If you're single, how will you cherish your future wife?)
5. Scripture is clear that if we ignore God's plan for marriage, it damages our relationship with Him as well. What next steps do you need to take this week to advance your relationship with God while simultaneously improving your marriage?

Day One: [Mark 6](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 34](#)

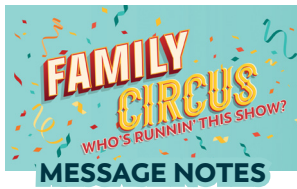
Day Three: [2 Corinthians 2](#)

Day Four: [2 Peter 2](#)

Day Five: [Job 34](#)

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