

## **MAY: RELATIONSHIPS**

### **May 11: The Impact of A Mother**

- Proverbs 31
  - In what ways do you see the influence of a mother shaping the spiritual life of a household?
  - The Proverbs 31 woman is industrious, a provider, and a caretaker. How do these roles translate into modern motherhood?
  - How can Christian mothers today live out the calling of Proverbs 31 while navigating modern pressures?
  - What qualities stand out to you most in the Proverbs 31 woman? Why?

### **May 18: Relationships With Authority**

- Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17
  - Romans 13:1 says, “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities...” Why do you think Paul gives this instruction, especially considering the political climate of the Roman Empire?
  - 1 Peter 2:13 urges believers to “submit...for the Lord’s sake.” What does it mean to submit to authority for God’s sake rather than out of fear or obligation?
  - How do these passages challenge modern ideas of independence and personal freedom?
  - Are there biblical or moral limits to obeying earthly authorities? When is it appropriate not to submit?
  - How can we pray for those in authority, especially when we disagree with them?

### **May 25: Relationships in the Congregation**

- Romans 12
  - Paul uses the image of the body in verses 4–5. What does this teach us about interdependence among believers?
  - Are there practical ways your small group or church can improve in “sharing with the Lord’s people who are in need”?
  - Verse 14 says, “Bless those who persecute you.” How can this principle be applied when dealing with difficult people in the church?
  - How can the church be a safe place for forgiveness and peacemaking when hurt or conflict occurs?
  - What are some barriers to unity in the church today, and how can we overcome them?
  - Which verse from Romans 12 challenges you the most in how you relate to others at church?