

## **Experiencing God Around the Kitchen Table**

### Discussion Questions

#### **Chapter 1**

Since God has an eternal purpose for each of us, it should cause us to live with the expectation of seeing Him work through our lives. How do you see God working out His purposes in your lives?

Discuss how a challenging situation you are currently facing is causing you to trust the Lord more and grow in your relationship with Christ.

No matter what our backgrounds are, God has a plan to bring each of us joy and completeness in Him. If God has helped you overcome something from your past, please share how He has healed you and made you stronger.

#### **Chapter 2**

When you have faced important decisions in the past, in what ways did you allow others to distract or negatively influence you against following what you knew God wanted you to do? Discuss how making a decision based on your own logic, a pros-and-cons list, or input from others has backfired in your life.

God honors obedience, even if it comes much later in life. Take a few moments to examine your walk with the Lord and look for moments of blessing. How were some of those blessings a direct result of your obedience?

#### **Chapter 3**

How would you characterize your relationship with the Lord? Would you view your relationship with Him as dynamic, exciting, and joyful? Or do you lean more toward

words like *empty*, *routine*, or *a struggle*? Take time to reflect together on all that the Lord has done: how He has changed your lives and how He has worked through each of you and expressed His deep love for you. Share some of those experiences.

Encouraging one another in our daily walks is one of God's blessings to us. Watching Him work through prayer or seeing a friend overcome a stumbling block is exciting. How can you be more proactive in encouraging those around you? Share some of those ideas.

#### **Chapter 4**

In what ways would you like to change how you've been thinking about or practicing homemaking?

How is God using your life in your home to minister to those around you? Is God showing you other opportunities He may want you to be involved in? What are they?

Share some creative ways you have found to spend time with the Lord in the midst of your busy family life.

#### **Chapter 5**

Discuss the idea of a perfect marriage. Has your understanding of what a marriage can be changed? If so, how?

Communication is important in any relationship but especially in a marriage. What ways have you found to facilitate better communication? What changes do you need to make in the way you relate to your spouse?

Discuss ways that each of you has found to set aside time to be together with your husband.

## **Chapter 6**

There are many things we can do to make sure our hearts are right before the Lord. Discuss what some of those things are and what you can do to make sure your lives are clean before the Lord and pleasing to Him.

Although God hears the prayers of every one of His children, there is amazing power when we unite in prayer. Are you regularly praying with others? Are you committed to praying until God answers? Share your prayer requests and pray together today. Write down prayer requests and commit to praying for one another this week.

## **Chapter 7**

Scripture has a great deal to say regarding how to raise our children. How have you sought to follow the Scriptures in your own families? Share some important lessons you've learned that might help others.

God provides daily opportunities to help our children grow spiritually and emotionally. What opportunities has He provided for your children, and how did you react? Discuss some things you are going to do differently to help your children grow in these areas.

Has God asked you to let go of your children? Do you sense that He has a special plan for their lives that causes you to fear? Discuss how each of you can let go in a practical way.

## **Chapter 8**

Did you have hopes and dreams as a child? If so, what were they? Has God allowed any of your dreams to be fulfilled? Has God changed your dreams beyond the scope of your imagination? Please explain.

With our salvation comes freedom from all the entanglements of sin in our lives. If you are a follower of Christ, has your life been a list of dos and don'ts, or have you been living in freedom by following God's path for your life? What does the difference mean to you?

When you think of the phrase *fear of the Lord*, how have you understood its meaning in the context of Scripture? Is fear of a holy God negative? Has your understanding of this important Scriptural truth deepened? Please explain.

God presents us with so many opportunities each day. Are you ready to experience the fullness of Christ in your life? Are you ready to open the door and see what God has for you? Share some of the opportunities God has given you recently and how you have responded to them.