

# FIRST COMES LOVE

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Then Comes In laws  
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What was something that you learned from your family of origin that caused frustration with others once you moved out on your own? (Example: how to hang the toilet paper or load the dishwasher)

In what ways has leaving your family of origin been difficult? How did you overcome those obstacles? Were your parents helpful in the process or did they make it more difficult?

When you enter a marriage, you need to prioritize your spouse over your family of origin. What are some key principles that you need to establish for a healthy marriage? Discuss some ways to honor parents who may not agree with a decision you have made.

Enmeshed families struggle to have and follow clear boundaries. What is the effect on the husband/wife relationship when clear boundaries are not established with the families of origin? How do you go about implementing boundaries if they have not been clear (or honored) in the past?

## **Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7, 2 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 3:14-15 and Matthew 10:34-37**

What do these scriptures have to teach us about the influence of parents and grandparents on the younger generations, especially in the area of faith?

Ted said, "I never want my relationship with my children to get in the way of their relationship with Jesus." In what ways can a difficult parent/child relationship keep a child from growing in (or beginning) their relationship with Jesus?

Jim Burns encouraged parents to "Keep the welcome mat out and your mouth shut." Do you agree with this advice? How hard is it for you to follow?

End your time together praying for wisdom to know when and how to speak up in our family relationships. May we use our influence in a way that brings our families closer to each other and ultimately closer to Christ.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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