

Going Deeper Questions
Creating a Healthy Home
2 Samuel 13-18

1. Jeremy talked about creating a happy home. Give 3 words that would describe what a “happy home” looks like. Then discuss why you chose those three words.

2. It almost seems counterintuitive to say that a happy home involves discipline (remember the VonTrap (sp?) family in The Sound of Music – they weren’t too happy in their “discipline” driven home before Maria showed up 😊).
 - a. How were you raised – was their discipline in the home? What form did it take?
 - b. What were some of the good things you learned about discipline as you grew up?
 - c. What are some of the challenges you face in disciplining your children (if you have any)?
 - d. Read Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 29:15, 17. Discuss what these verses mean in the raising of our kids (take the words at face value). How can we do this well?

3. In the account of David and Absalom there was truly some tension between them. Do you have any tension with your dad and/or mom?
 - a. Do you have any tension with your kids? Would you agree or disagree with Jeremy when he said, “Know that kids long for resolution”? If you’ve experienced tension have you had any resolution that you could share with the group so that we can all learn what it takes to bring about resolution?
 - b. Over and over Jeremy talked about turning to our heavenly Father for help. What can we do to turn to him and how will that help?
 - c. “Unresolved, it will lead to deep-seated anger” – Do you have any anger issues? Do you know anyone that has anger issues? How can we deal with it – how can we resolve it?

4. Remember the last fill-in-the-blank? If you were to die today would you have any regrets? What can we do to live life in such a way that we won’t have any regrets?