

FAMILY TIME—THE MISSING INGREDIENT

Leader's Guide: FR6-3

Lecture time: 91 min.
Discussion time: approx. 45 min.

Lecture handling instructions

- Lecture FR6 has a vital message for all couples but be sure to apply it to couples in a 2nd marriage. Cover the “working principles” well. Avoid arguments, especially among spouses. This is not a time to highlight past errors. This is a time to make a new marital commitment to do new better things together. Help them remember that their “attitude is their most Important asset. Every believer must seek to have a godly family and raise godly children!!!

Leader's Oral Opening Comments

- We want to talk a bit about a “Missing Ingredient” in our family lives. What do you think could be missing in your family life? — Pause and ask for responses — Comment further (No, that is not it for most of us) (Yes you hit it right on). Then get the men warmed-up, excited, tuned-in.

Leader's Oral Closing Comments

- Would the crucial element perhaps be time? A time priority? How should we solve that? Let's talk about that right now for 5 minutes and then have some prayers. I think we need God in this. Agreed?

Discussion instructions

- Initially you may want to have separate discussions for the ladies and men first and afterwards other form small group sessions of mixed spouses together. You may even conduct a small group discussion specifically for couples in a 2nd marriage situation. Help them remember that their attitude towards this is the most important acquisition. Every believer should want to have a godly family and raise godly children.

Prayer instructions

- For Worship and Prayer bring a short lecture on, or lead a discussion on: “What really constitutes a Christian Family — as compared to a worldly one? How should we really raise our children differently? What are the practical ingredients each day that make ours “A Christian Family”? Like singing a hymn after supper. For prayer have the men or couples take a paper and write down insights received from the Holy Spirit in prayer about how to make their family truly “Christian”.

Pass-out material instructions

- Share orally the 3 assignments.

Practical assignments Special adaptations for unique groups

Gather all members for a special event