



# Flip That House

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### Mothers

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*“As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.”*

- 1 Thessalonians 2:6-7

### Discussion Questions

1. Share one thing about your mother that you appreciated while growing up.
2. William Ross Wallace wrote, *“The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.”* What does this mean? Do you agree or disagree?
3. Describe the traditional role of a mother in the ancient world. How has this changed over time?
4. Like a rubber band, the task of a mother is to “hold things together.” How do mothers bring stability? What happens to a family when stability is lacking in the home?
5. Read Isaiah 66:13. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is called “Comforter.” How is the role of the Holy Spirit similar to the role of a mother in a family?
6. Of the four things mothers must do to flip their house (see “The Big Idea” above), which do you connect with the most? Which is the easiest for you? What about the most difficult?
7. Read Philippians 4:4-6. How can this verse help us live in the present? What are some benefits of focusing on the present instead of dwelling on the past or future?

### The Big Idea

**This Sunday is Mother’s Day!** It’s a day when we honor the many contributions of moms within the family and to society. In the message, Pastor Dean uses the analogy of a rubber band to illustrate the impact mothers have. Rubber bands can be pulled tight, twisted, or used to snap someone. But their actual purpose is to hold things together. Likewise, moms have the ability to hold everything in their house together. **They have the power to “Flip That House.”** But in order to flip it, they must:

**F.** Be Fueled by Affirmation

**L.** Live in the Present

**I.** Invite the Holy Spirit, and

**P.** Live with Purpose

*Mothers, thanks for all you do!*