

STUDY GUIDE: “God The Mother”

Discussion Starters

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “mother”?
2. How would you respond to the phrase “God the Mother”?

Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms.

--“gave you birth” (Deuteronomy 32:18)—

--“woman in labor” (Isaiah 42:14)—

--“have no compassion” (Isaiah 49:15)—

--“comfort” (Isaiah 66:13)—

--“long for” (1 Peter 2:2)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

5. Read the following passages and answer the questions below based on what they tell you about the maternal nature of God.

Deuteronomy 32:18

Isaiah 42:14

Isaiah 49:15

Isaiah 66:13

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Hosea 11:3-4

Hosea 13:8

Matthew 23:37

1 Peter 2:2-3

6. Summarize what you learned from this study by writing a paragraph describing the maternal nature of God.

7. How does this description differ from the world’s understanding of God?

Taking It Home

8. How can you honor your mother today?

9. How do you react to the idea of “God the Mother”? Why?

10. What maternal quality of God do you most need in your relationship to Him and why?

11. Which of these qualities do you believe you need to have more in your life? Explain..