

Equipping Parents to Be Spiritual Heroes for Their Families

Goal: Learn the Why and What behind Family Discipleship

Scripture Focus:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

The best hope for a child to become a disciplined disciple-maker of Jesus is for his family to disciple him to do so.

- A person's moral foundation is either based upon God's Word or it is based on worldly perspectives.
- The spiritual health of a child is just as important, if not more, as physical, emotional, and mental health.
- Parents/Caregivers are the number one influencer in a child's spiritual development.
- Children need to have a good understanding of spiritual truths.
- The purpose of spiritual training is to instill a passion to love, obey, and serve God.

Helping children build a solid foundation on Jesus Christ:

4 Cornerstones:

- Understanding Scripture as a Trustworthy Source of Direction
- Having a Knowledge of Biblical Content
- Connecting God's Principles for Life Application
- Manifesting a Desire to Love and Obey God

Best practices of faith lived out in the home:

- Read the Bible together
- Pray together
- Participate in daily devotions
- Serve as a family together
- Have regular spiritual conversations

Our first disciple-making priority should be a small group called my family.

A parent connects with a child in order to connect the child with Jesus.

Resources:

- Experiencing God at Home – Tom and Richard Blackaby
- Grace Based Parenting – Tim Kimmel
- If Jesus Were a Parent – Hal Perkins
- Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions – George Barna