# FAMILY: Week 3 - The Everyday Family

**Open in Prayer** 

Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

**Share context of the story** [Provide context by sharing the information below.]

In Deuteronomy 6:5-7, Moses gives specific instructions for how parents can pass their faith on to the next generation. Parents must wholeheartedly commit to following God and loving Him supremely. Parents must then be intentional about teaching the truths of Scripture to their children and living those truths out in front of them. In Ephesians 6, Paul also brings insight to the parent/child relationship, stressing its critical importance.

**Tell the story** – Deuteronomy 6:5-7, Ephesians 6:1-4 [Have someone tell the story.]

**Rebuild the story** [Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.]

**Read the story out loud** [Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.]

#### Discuss these questions:

- 1. What do we learn about God from this passage? [God is worthy of my complete devotion and love; God has given us clear instructions on how to disciple our children to follow Jesus; God designed relationship as the vehicle through which discipleship can happen; God's love has to first transform a parent's heart before they can pass it on to their children; God commands children to obey their parents; parents should discipline their children in love not provoking them to anger (James 1:20); etc.]
- 2. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage? [I get pulled away and distracted by the things of this world that prevent me from putting God first; there are truths I believe mentally that I don't allow to impact my heart; I have to be intentional about raising up my children to love and follow Jesus; I need to be diligent and not grow weary in my disciple making efforts; I need to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit as He reveals teachable moments that I can have with my children; etc.]
- 3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?
- 4. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

#### Other questions specific to this passage:

- 1. Because children often pick up their personality and attitude from their parents, what is one area of your life that you need to adjust in order to better portray Christ to them?
- 2. Why is Deut. 6:7 so hard to live out? Did your parents model that verse for you?

Assign next week's passage - Deut. 6:8-9, I John 4:7-21 [Ask someone to tell the story.]

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## FAMILY: Week 3 - Leadership Coaching

The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Grow Group leader. Each week, we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your Grow Group and grow as a disciple yourself.

### **Leading** [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

It is always a good time to remind your Grow Group of our vision. Grow Groups are focused on a reproducible process. This means that we intend for many of our group members to one day branch out and begin leading a group on their own. Lead your Grow Group in a conversation about what it would look like to branch as they seek to help others mature in their faith. Don't forget to include the discipleship team in on the conversation!

### **Shepherding** [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

Branching doesn't happen by accident. It is an intentional process that sometimes takes time to see it through. Make sure that you have identified at least 2 key people in your Grow Group to invest in and challenge to be a part of your next branch. Go ahead and encourage them to attend Boot Camp and Boot Camp 2.0 (which are REQUIRED leadership training). The next offering of both trainings will be on May 21st from 2-6pm. Don't forget about the other mechanisms, like the PLACE Assessment and Evangelism Explosion, that we have designed to help people grow as disciples of Jesus.

## **Developing** [grow as a disciple yourself]

And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

Matthew 4:19 is one the core verses we use at Redemption Church when we define a disciple. We often teach that a disciple is one who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and on mission with Jesus. We should never stop growing in any of these three areas. As you prepare for this week, take the time to seriously work through the following questions:

What areas of my life am I failing to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit?

How am I resisting God's transforming work inside of me?

In what ways do I prioritize my own desires over the mission of Jesus to develop mature disciples?