



GOD'S DESIGN FOR FAMILY

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NOTES:

1. God displays His **nature** through the family.

Matthew 19:4-6, Ephesians 5:31-32, 1 John 3:1

2. God **disciples** through the family.

Deuteronomy 6:1-2, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Ephesians 6:1-4

3. God provides family relationships through the **Church**.

Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 10:29-30

RESOURCES

"Family Discipleship: Leading Your Home through Time, Moments, and Milestones" by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

Note: We recognize that some may not have a nuclear family, so in those cases where "family" is used in these questions, apply it to the "family of God" scenarios or in other relationship-based opportunities.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON:

1. Joe started his sermon using the Christmas gift illustration where "some assembly" and "disassembly" was required. How would you describe the family that you grew up in? Were there things in your past (or even current) family setting that you wish you could disassemble or assembled differently? Explain these.
2. Just like Joe's "nailed it" pictures, all of us have room for improvement when it comes to our family. Why is it important to realize that there is some dysfunction in every family?
3. What attributes of God would you like to be represented in your family in a clearer or more consistent manner? How can you better reflect these attributes within your family?
4. Discipleship has been defined as "a relationship that intentionally multiplies Christ-like followers." Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, and 2 Timothy 2:1-2. What stands out to you most about family discipleship in these passages.

5. Why is the ingredient of “relationship” such an important part of the definition and success of discipleship? How can we build stronger relationships in our family?
6. It is clear that the Bible provides a model for family, and it’s also clear that the leaders of the family should provide the model for what it looks like to walk with Jesus. If it is true that more is “Caught than Taught”, what is your family learning about Jesus through your behaviors, personal spiritual disciplines, and attitudes?
7. Describe how a personal walk with Jesus was or wasn’t modeled for you as a child. Give some practical ways you would like to repeat what was modeled for you, and some examples of things you would like to redeem or change for the better for the family in your life.
8. What spiritual discipline (Bible study, worship, rest, prayer, fasting, generosity, evangelism, solitude, confession, serving, discipling, community) do you think would help you model walking with Jesus better? How can you implement those things in your life this week?