



# Hope FOR THE family

## **GOD'S DESIGN FOR FAMILY**

EPHESIANS 5:15-16 | JEFF STEVENS | JANUARY 13 & 16, 2022

### **NOTES:**

1. God designs the **path** you **walk**.

*Ephesians 5, 6; Genesis 2:15*

2. Walk not as **unwise** but as **wise**.

*Ephesians 5:15-16; Psalm 139:16; Hebrews 12:1; James 4:13-14*

3. **Look. Ask. Walk.**

*Jeremiah 6:16*

### **RESOURCES**

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

*"The New City Catechism: 52 Questions and Answers for Our Hearts and Minds"* by the Gospel Coalition

### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:**

#### **REVIEW:**

1. Last week we were introduced to God's plan for the family. One aspect of this plan was to reflect the attributes of God (love, faithfulness, forgiveness). How were you a reflection of God this week within your family or your greater church family?

#### **THIS WEEK'S SERMON:**

1. Jeff opened his sermon with a convicting illustration of the difference between an absent, involved and an intentional or strategic parent. Growing up, which did you observe in your family?
2. We define discipleship as a "relationship that intentionally multiplies Christ-like followers." What personal relationship has had the most significant impact on you following Christ (other than Jesus)? What was your time with that person like? Are there any examples you can take from that relationship and apply to your time with your family/friends?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 together as a group. If you had to summarize this command in one sentence to a 7 year old, what would you say? How did this instruction play out (or not) in your family growing up?

4. Jeff said you can typically determine someone's priorities by looking at how they spend their money and how they spend their time. Take a look at your calendar from last week. Based on your calendar, what took priority in your life? Is this an accurate representation of what's really important to you?
5. Jeff encouraged us to "walk as wise" when it comes to our calendar. Think about a typical day/week in your life. What normal rhythms occur throughout your day/week that you could use for personal discipleship of a family member or a friend? (Some examples would be family dinner, a workout class, golf group, weekly babysitting of a grandchild, standing lunch date with friend/family member, weekly call with someone, drop-off/pick-up from school)
6. How can you build intentional discipleship time into those regular rhythms of life? If there are no rhythms, when can you schedule those times in?
7. Think back on the summary statements of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 we created in question #4. On a scale of 1 (not intentional) to 5 (very intentional), how intentional are you in following this discipleship mandate?
8. In summary, what one specific calendar adjustment would help you better plan your family discipleship time? What specific way (big or small) can you be a better disciple maker to your family this week? If you do plan on having a consistent family discipleship time, what will happen during that time?