

Voice From the Heart

Biblical Family Discipleship in Motion

Family devotion resource – questions and scriptures

Areas of Discipleship	Scriptures
1. Fundamentals	2 Timothy 3:16-17; Deuteronomy 5:5-9; Psalm 11:1-3; Psalm 78:1-8
2. Godly Character	John 3:16; Colossians 3:12-17; Galatians 5:13-26
3. Household Rules	Philippians 2:1-4; Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Colossians 3:18-22; John 14:15-17
4. Hurting Family	Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 139:23; Psalm 139:24; Romans 10:9-10; Psalm 62:6-7; Psalm 62:8; Matthew 18:12-22; Matthew 18:32-33; Psalm 51:17; Romans 12:19; Matthew 5:43-44; Psalm 50:14-15; 2 Corinthians 17:17-18
5. Loving Family	Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 63:3-8; John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-0; Ephesians 4:1-2; 1 John 3:18; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8
6. 8 ministries of Church at Home	Philippians 2:28-30; Ephesians 6:18-19; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:2; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Matthew 28:19; Colossians 3:23-24; Philippians 2:4; Ephesians 5:15-17; Proverbs 22:1; Colossians 2:6-7
7. Family in Mission	Psalm 145:4; Acts 2:38-39; Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 19:13-14; John 13:34-35; Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 51: 1, 6, 10, 17; Hebrews 4:15-16
8. Focus on Children	Matthew 18:1-14
9. Chorus Task	Psalm 11:3; Genesis 6:5, 5-9; Ezekiel 34:10; Galatians 1:6-8; 9-10; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
10. Fervent Sharing	Psalm 11:3; 2 Timothy 3:14-15; Proverbs 22:6; Romans 12:11; Matthew 6:30-33; Romans 5:8; John 13:34-35; James 5:16; Romans 12:1; Romans 12:2; Philippians 2:12-13; Romans 10:15

Questions	Scriptures
1. Area of Discipleship: Fundamentals	
1. Is the Bible the best basis for family devotions or are other teachings needed?	2 Timothy 3:16-17 , “16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
2. Describe the best atmosphere, conducive to the best spiritual nurture for family?	Deuteronomy 6:5-9 , “5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 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. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”
3. What is the danger of omitting intentional biblical family discipleship?	Psalm 11:1-3 , “1 In the Lord I take refuge. How then can you say to me: “Flee like a bird to your mountain. 2 For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. 3 When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”
4. How does God see generations being responsible for spiritual family nurture?	Psalm 78:1-8 , “1 My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— 3 things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. 7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. 8 They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.”

2. Area of Discipleship: Godly Character	
1. What eternity-affecting, life-changing question, should family members ask?	John 3:16 , "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
2. What personality qualities, which honour Christ, do you want to see in family members (about who we are and how we live- living to please the Spirit or are we living in the flesh)?	Colossians 3:12-17 , "12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
3. Compare qualities the Spirit develops in our lives to those of the flesh which damage us.	Galatians 5:13-26 , "13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

3. Area of Discipleship: Household Code of Conduct	
1. Why do we need household rules and accountability of members in a household?	Philippians 2:1-4 , “1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”
2. How are the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) categorised in the New Testament?	Matthew 22:36-40 , “36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Romans 13:8-10 , “8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”
3. What does God say in His Word about the order of authority in a Christian household?	1 Corinthians 11:3 , “But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”
4. What are the rules for each member of a Christian household?	Colossians 3:18-22 , “18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.”
5. Does God provide help in keeping these rules, and if so, how?	John 14:15-17 , “15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

4. Area of Discipleship: Hurting Family¹	
1. Do you feel offended, or emotionally bruised by a family member?	Proverbs 4:23 , "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."
2. How have you been affected by any offences: what emotions do you experience?	Psalm 139:23 , "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!"
3. Have you denied these thoughts, and also not realised that God knows your heart?	Psalm 139:24 , "24. And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"
4. Will you put Jesus in the gap where you had the offender, even for a large offense?	Romans 10:9-10 , "9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."
5. How will you respond to this issue of offense?	Psalm 62: 6-7 , "6. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7. casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."
6. Will you pour out your heart to God?	Psalm 62:8 , "Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us."
7. To what extent does God want you to forgive the offender?	Matthew 18:12-22 , "Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22. Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."
8. In Matthew 18 how did the Master reprimand the servant for his unforgiveness?	Matthew 18:32-33 , "32. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'"
9. Are you willing to humbly repent for your part in the relationship problem?	Psalm 51:17 , "17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."
10. Are you willing to place the person on the altar, trusting God to be the vindicator?	Romans 12:19 , "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God." Matthew 5:43-44 , "43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your

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	enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”
11. Can you thank Jesus for His help in this situation- past and future?	Psalm 50:14-15 , “14 Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, 15 and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”
12. Will you trust Jesus to help you going forward in attempting reconciliation?	2 Corinthians 17:17-18 , “17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;...”

5. Area of Discipleship: Loving Family	
1. How does God respond to those who love Him and keep His commandments?	Deuteronomy 7:9 , “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”
2. How does the Psalmist (Psalm 63) respond to God's love- even in the deep of the night?	Psalm 63: 3-8 , “3. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, 6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; 7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.”
3. If we love one another, ‘just as Christ loves us’, especially as family, what does it show?	John 13:34-35 , “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”.
4. If we do show love to family members, what does it show about relationship with God?	1 John 4:7-10 , “7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
5. What did Paul urge as living a life which is worthy of the calling of the Lord (Eph. 4:1-2)?	Ephesians 4:1-2 , “2... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,”
6. What did John urge of congregations across Asia Minor in 1 John about love in action?	1 John 3:18 , “Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

<p>7. Ask yourself if you show these characteristics of love (1 Corinthians 13) to your family?</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 13:1-8, “1. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8. Love never ends.”</p>
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<p align="center">6. Area of Discipleship: Elements of 8 Church Ministry</p>	
<p>1. How could family members intentionally welcome visitors, and minister to them?</p>	<p>Philippians 2:28-30, “28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.”</p>
<p>2. How could family members respond to the sharing and life-application of God’s Word?</p>	<p>Ephesians 6:18-19, “18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,”</p>
<p>3. How beneficial are corporate family worship singing, Bible reading, memory verses etc?</p>	<p>Acts 2:42, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”</p> <p>Ephesians 5:19, “addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,”</p>
<p>4. How is family Bible-based teaching applied appropriately to age and community context?</p>	<p>Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”</p> <p>2 Timothy 2:2, “and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”</p>
<p>5. How can family members help each other and others, beyond the family, when hurting?</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 1: 3-4, “3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”</p>
<p>6. How can families be equipped to testify, living out their faith as testimony of God’s reality?</p>	<p>Matthew 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”</p>

7. How can family members be servants of Christ, serving each other, and others, in need?	<p>Colossians 3:23-24, “23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”</p> <p>Philippians 2:4, “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”</p>
8. How can family members become Christ-like leaders, in skills, and in personal qualities?	<p>Ephesians 5:15-17,” 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”</p> <p>Proverbs 22:1, “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.”</p>
9. How dynamic could the Christian family be, as a microcosm of an 8-part church ministry?	<p>Colossians 2:6-7, “6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”</p>

7. Area of Discipleship: Family in Mission	
1. What is commanded of Family regarding passing down the faith to generations?	<p>Psalms 145:4, “One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.”</p> <p>Acts 2:38-39, “38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.””</p>
2. What is God’s promise to Family as we live out the Great Commission?	<p>Matthew 28:18-20, “18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.””</p>
3. How does God see Children with reference to the Kingdom of Heaven?	<p>Matthew 19:13-14, “13 Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. 14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.””</p>
4. How are unbelievers impacted by seeing loving family relationships of believers?	<p>John 13:34-35, “34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”</p>
5. How could Christian Families stand strong and be an example for the world?	<p>Romans 12:1-2, “1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the</p>

	renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
6. In failing in our family relationships, and in mission together, how does God help?	<p>Psalm 51:1,6,10,17, “1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.... 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.... 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.... 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.”</p> <p>Hebrews 4:15-16, “15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”</p>

8. Focus on Children - Matthew 18:1-14	
1. Even in the family context, what importance do adults give to the value of children?	Matthew 18:1 , “1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”
2. How does Jesus show His anger at adults demeaning the importance of children?	Matthew 18:2-3 , “2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
3. What attitude change does He call adults to make with this in mind?	Matthew 18:4 , “Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
4. How does Jesus describe how he sees the person who welcomes a child in His name?	Matthew 18:5 , “5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”
5. How does Jesus show anger towards anyone who causes a child who believes, to sin?	Matthew 18:6 , “6 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”
6. How does Jesus warn a person, who tempts a child to sin, to act before judgment?	Matthew 18:7-9 , “7 Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.”

<p>7. How does the parable of the lost sheep show Father God's will about any 'little one'?</p>	<p>Matthew 18:10-14, “10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. 12 “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. 14 In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">9. Chorus Task</p>	
<p>1. How can 'shepherds' of church and family restore God-honouring foundations?</p>	<p>Psalm 11:3, “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”</p>
<p>2. What can we learn from God sparing Noah and his family?</p>	<p>Genesis 6:5, 8-9, “5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.... 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.”</p>
<p>3. Name an O.T. passage about shepherds being accountable to God for their sheep.</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:10, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.”</p>
<p>4. Discuss a N.T. passage which points to distorting the gospel, and Paul's anger about it.</p>	<p>Galatians 1:6-8; 9-10, “6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!.... 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”</p>
<p>5. Which passage of scripture refers to preaching a message that people would rather hear.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 4:1-5, “1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared</p>

	in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”
6. What is God's promise to His people who humbly prayerfully repent over their land's sin?	2 Chronicles 7:14 , “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
7. Why does God not intervene earlier to remove sinners who are corrupting the nation?	2 Peter 3:9 , “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
8. To what and to whom did Paul attribute the success of his preaching and ministry?	1 Corinthians 2:4-5 , “4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.”

10. Fervent Sharing	
1. How critical is it for the church to make the paradigm shift on Biblical Family Discipleship?	<p>Psalm 11:3, “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”</p> <p>2 Timothy 3:14-15, “14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”</p> <p>Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”</p> <p>Romans 12:11, “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”</p>
2. Where have church and family leaders placed family discipleship in ministry priority?	Matthew 6:30-33 , “30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

3. Compare God's demonstration of His fervent love for us to ours for Him, family and others.	<p>Romans 5:8, “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”</p> <p>John 13:34-35, ““A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.””</p>
4. Mention a scripture that shows us that a fervent dependence on God is the best start?	<p>James 5:16, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” KJV</p> <p>Romans 12:1, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”</p>
5. How have certain worldview values conflicted with biblically-based values recently?	<p>Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”</p> <p>Philippians 2:12-13, “12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”</p>
6. Would you fervently, lovingly, challenge families to effective Biblical Family Discipleship?	<p>Romans 10:15, “And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”</p>

Vision: Would you be willing to encourage church leaders to call the church to reform to establish family discipleship as an integral part of its life?

We urge families to discuss the questions in each area of discipleship and to embrace the fact that the key scriptures given, and many others the Lord brings to mind, give practical help!

Target audience: Would you consider sending this family disciple resource to church leaders, who in turn, would pass it on to family leaders for their families?

There is an urgent need to prayerfully consider how the spiritual foundations have been damaged and destroyed and that we need to repent of our part in their neglect, and to repair and to rebuild through intentional Biblical Family Discipleship and the involvement of godly families in God's Kingdom Mission ('speaking the truth in love', Ephesians 4:15).

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