

Family Discipleship

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A Framework for Discipleship

- Create
 - This is the proactive part of discipleship. Planning specific times to consider the things of God together as a family.
- Capture
 - Being faithful to observe the people in your home, and find opportunities to encourage them toward faithfulness in the everyday happenings of life.
- Commemorate
 - This is an act of remembrance. It's pointing out and remembering God's faithfulness in our past, in order to encourage us and remind us to put our hope in his faithfulness in the future.

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Create

This is a proactive time that is set aside for considering the things of God together as a family.

- Why doesn't it happen?
 - Fear
 - Laziness / Comfort

- What should we be doing?
 - Planned time together with the family to consider the things of God.
 - Time in the Word

 - Time in song

 - Time in Prayer
 - A - Adoration (Praise)
 - C - Confession
 - T - Thanksgiving
 - S - Supplication (Request)

- How long should it last?
 - As long as it is helpful, given the dynamics of your home.
 - Have realistic expectations
 - Younger kids will likely make this chaotic, and might make it necessary to cut it shorter than you want. That's OK.

- How often should it happen?
 - Regularly (how very unspecific, Carl)

Capture

Again, this is the reactive part of discipleship. But it isn't always an overtly spiritual endeavor. There are indeed those moments when you're pointing out the glory of God in a flower that your daughter notices at the park, but there are also 1000 other places where you can capture the moments of training of your child in the very mundane and normal parts of life. Let's quickly run through a handful of these:

- o Responsibilities
 - Chores

 - Money / Allowance

 - School work / projects

 - Devices / Internet

- o Conversations
 - Demonstrate it's value (by spending TIME on it)

 - Being General vs. Specific with your questions

 - Respect /Honor

 - No media, no distractions

 - Age-appropriate conversations
 - Marriage

 - Sex
 - o Biology
 - o What does God have to say about it?
 - o What does the world have to say about it?

- How to handle relationships
 - Discipleship includes teaching people how to handle relationships both inside and outside the home.

 - Inside the home

 - Outside the home

- How is time prioritized in your home?
 - Remember we demonstrate value with how we invest our time.

 - Rest – do you have it?

 - Questions to ask yourself to help discern if an activity is worth pursuing:
 - Does it inhibit rest or worship?
 - Does it interrupt family dinners?
 - Does it sabotage bedtime?
 - Does it pull our family apart or push us together?

Commemorate

This is the shortest one of the three, because it's the simplest. One of the things we see God's people doing throughout the scriptures is purposefully remembering significant moments where God has been faithful. God wants his people to mark these occasions where God has been faithful to rescue and redeem them.