

DOING FAMILY RIGHT: PASSING ON YOUR FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

OPENING QUESTIONS

- Have you ever traced your genealogy? What did you find? What did you discover about faith in your family history?
- What do you think it takes to build an environment in which kids will flourish spiritually and grow to follow Jesus?

READ TOGETHER

The Six Non-Negotiable Conditions

Develop an authentic climate in your life and marriage

1. Make a commitment to keep a soft heart towards God - Ezekiel 11:19-20.
2. Keep the passion alive in your marital relationship - Song of Solomon 8:6.
3. Practice perpetual re-engagement with your spouse - Another word for forgiveness. Colossians 3:12-14:3.

Building a transformational environment in your family

4. Let your love flow freely and fully with your family - Ephesians 5:1-2.
5. Model the difference that Jesus makes in your daily life - 1 John 2:6 & Philippians 1:27.
6. Intentional about transferring the truth, faith and values - Deuteronomy 6:6-8.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you listened and processed this message, what did God say to you? What did He impress on your heart?
2. Think about the future generations of your family. What is your prayer for them?
3. How can we help each other have families that have an unbroken line of faith until Jesus returns?
4. How could a single parent apply these truths? What are the unique challenges a single mom or dad might face?
5. This past weekend Dave talked about something he labeled as *drag time* related to conflict in our lives. He would define it as the amount of time that it takes to resolve a conflict. He suggested that *drag time* can be as long as 30 years and as short as 3 minutes. What would you rate yourself when it comes to conflict in your life? Would you say you have a short, medium or long *drag time* on average?
6. Read Ephesians 4:26-27; Romans 12:18; Matthew 5:23-25. What do these verses teach us about how we should handle conflict in our lives?
7. Read Philippians 2:1-4. What are some keys to living in unity with others?

8. Dave mentioned, as it relates to the six non-negotiable truths, that they are “Life, life, life, life, life, lip” not “lip, lip, lip, lip, lip, life”. What hits you when you hear this? What environment do you believe you were raised in? What environment do you believe you have built in your family today, and is there any part that you are praying changes?

PRAYER

- Take a minute in silence. Ask God what He wants to say to you about marriage, family, parenting, legacy, faith, etc.
- Take some time after this to share what God has said, and any prayer requests you have, and then pray for one another.

NEXT STEPS

There are a number of steps you can take as a group or individually, to continue walking in a direction of healthy, Christ-centered parenting and marriages.

- **Marriage course** – This has yet to be announced, but after the “Not-so Newlywed Game” that Dave Currie is hosting next month, there will be a marriage course offered. When you hear this announced, sign up!
- **Parenting course** – Much like above, there will be a parenting course offered after the marriage course finishes up. You will hear about this in the coming weeks.
- **Set Free** – Sometimes we need to deal with the junk in our life, in order to move on and become an effective parent or spouse. Go to the RPC website, under “Events” and sign up for **Set Free**.
- **Hearing God** – Discipleship, parenting, marriage... all of it relies on us being able to hear the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd. Is this a practice in your life? If not, or if you are still building it or working through it in your life, come to the **Hearing God Seminar** as a group or individual. Starts **Feb. 23** at our Bowridge site, you can register online at www.rockpointe.ca/events

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