

Jesus on trial

Week 2 - A Life Sentence

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HI FAMILIES

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL.

The Bible instructs parents to make God front and centre in home life. To teach them at all times of the day about God and his ways (Dt 6:4-7). To show them Jesus and why he is worth following more than anything (Luke 18:15-17). To bring your children up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph 6:4). Put simply a parent's primary ministry is to raise their children to be disciples of Jesus.

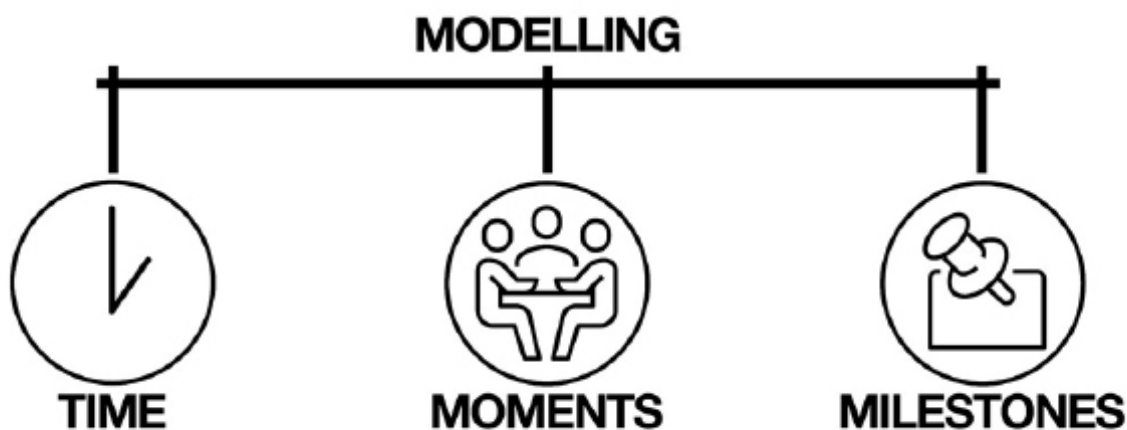
Family Discipleship is the vitally important, yet mostly ordinary spiritual leadership of your family.

Family discipleship has many facets that come together to help God work in the hearts of our children to make them disciples of Jesus. (The following categories are from the excellent book Family Discipleship by Matt Chandler & Adam Griffin – check it out!)

MODELLING

Serving as a godly example for your family, living out your genuine walk with God, and demonstrating true repentance when you fall short.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



Creating intentional time built into the rhythm of the family's life for the purpose of thinking about, talking about, and living out the gospel.

Capturing and leveraging opportunities in the course of everyday life for the purpose of gospel centred conversations.

Marking and making occasions to celebrate and commemorate significant spiritual milestones of God's work in the life of the family and child.

This Family Discipleship Guide is designed to be a tool for parents to use in creating intentional TIME with the family rhythms to dig into God's word and live out our response to what Jesus has done for us.

We've broken the guide in into 5 parts each with its own specific way of engaging the bible passage our church is looking at this week:

READ - read the Bible passage and reflect on what it means for your family.

KNOW - know deeper by engaging in creative family activities.

DO - work out what all the family should do in response to God.

FOLLOW - examine the lives of others who have followed Jesus in the past.

SING - listen to and even sing songs that respond with our hearts to Jesus.

You might like to use these as 5 separate daily devotions, or you might like to group some of the sections together to make a couple of family devotional times but leave yourself room to use other resources you've found elsewhere. Remember these are a collection of tools, not rules, for family discipleship time.

A Life Sentence

Date of Sermon

1st May 2022

Bible Reading

John 5:16-47

Big idea

The Son has come to judge and give life

Application

Hear the voice of the Son of God and live.
Study The scriptures to find life in Christ.

Kids Big idea

Jesus is God's son, sent to give us new life.

Kids Application

Read the bible well so you can live for Jesus well.

READ

As parents, encourage your family to personally reflect on the Bible passage, and what it means for them. Try to guide this so it lands close to the big idea.

Read John 5:1-15 Together

16 Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath day. So the Jewish leaders began to oppose him. 17 Jesus defended himself. He said to them, "My Father is always doing his work. He is working right up to this day. I am working too." 18 For this reason the Jewish leaders tried even harder to kill him. According to them, Jesus was not only breaking the law of the Sabbath day. He was even calling God his own Father. He was making himself equal with God.

19 Jesus answered, "What I'm about to tell you is true. The Son can do nothing by himself. He can do only what he sees his Father doing. What the Father does, the Son also does. 20 This is because the Father loves the Son. The Father shows him everything he does. Yes, and the Father will show the Son even greater works than these. And you will be amazed. 21 The Father raises the dead and gives them life. In the same way, the Son gives life to anyone he wants to. 22 Also, the Father does not judge anyone. He has given the Son the task of judging. 23 Then all people will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

24 "What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. They will not be judged. They have crossed over from death to life. 25 What I'm about to tell you is true. A time is coming for me to give life. In fact, it has already begun. The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God. Those who hear it will live. 26 The Father has life in himself. He has allowed the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And the Father has given him the authority to judge. This is because he is the Son of Man.

28 "Do not be amazed at this. A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice. 29 They will all come out of their graves. People who have done what is good will rise and live again. People who have done what is evil will rise and be found guilty. 30 I can do nothing by myself. I judge only as I hear. And my judging is fair. I do not try to please myself. I try to please the one who sent me.

31 "If I am a witness about myself, what I say is not true. 32 There is someone else who is a witness in my favor. And I know that what he says about me is true.

33 "You have sent people to John the Baptist. He has been a witness to the truth. 34 I do not accept what a person says. I only talk about what John says so that you can be saved. 35 John was like a lamp that burned and gave light. For a while you chose to enjoy his light.

36 "What I say about myself is more important than what John says about me. I am doing the works the Father gave me to finish. These works are a witness that the Father has sent me. 37 The Father who sent me is himself a witness about me. You have never heard his voice. You have never seen what he really looks like. 38 And his word does not live in you. That's because you do not believe the one he sent. 39 You study the Scriptures carefully. You study them because you think they will give you eternal life. The Scriptures you study are a witness about me. 40 But you refuse to come to me and receive life.

41 "I do not accept praise from human beings. 42 But I know you. I know that you do not have love for God in your hearts. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me. But if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44 You accept praise from one another. But you do not seek the praise that comes from the only God. So how can you believe?

45 "Do not think I will bring charges against you in front of the Father. Moses is the one who does that. And he is the one you build your hopes on. 46 Do you believe Moses? Then you should believe me. He wrote about me. 47 But you do not believe what he wrote. So how are you going to believe what I say?"

OR Watch & Listen

[YOUTUBE - LUMO-GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 5:19-47](#)

Early Years

Watch the LUMO dramatized reading of John 5:19-47 together as a family.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgWQbyfMIGc&ab_channel=LUMO

What emotions are the different people in the story showing? Why?

What do you like about this story?

What might people not like about this story?

Kids

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What do you like about this story?

What might people not like about this story?

What emotions are the different people in the story showing?

Why?

What does this story teach us about Jesus?

Youth

Who are the characters in this passage?

What are their characteristics?

(Jewish/gentile, male/female, old/young, rich/poor, welcomed/shunned, etc)

Where does this passage take place?

(Nation/city/village/fields/road, etc)

When does this passage take place?

(When in biblical history? Old Testament/New Testament? Pre cross/post cross? Year/time of year/near a significant event? What happens in the previous passage? The next passage?)

What is the duration of time over the passage?

(An hour? A day? A week? Months? Etc)

What happens in this passage?

(Who goes where and does what to who?)

What is said in this passage?

(Are there key words or phrases? Is someone teaching? Are they 'human' words or are they speaking on behalf of God? Is there anything you don't understand?)

Pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thankyou for giving us your word to read, and learn, and see your love for us in Jesus.

- Amen

KNOW

As parents, encourage your family to know with their head and their hearts what God is teaching you this week.

Early Years

Read John 5:19-21 together as a family.

Discuss how Jesus is God's son, sent to give us new life.

How does it make you feel knowing Jesus is God's son, sent to give us new life?

Check out this fun song CELEBRATE by Crossroads Kids Club that reminds us to celebrate the good news of Jesus everyday.

<https://vimeo.com/kidsclub/songcelebrate>

Kids

Read John 5:16-30 together as a family.

Why were the Jewish leaders angry with Jesus?

(v.18) According to them, Jesus was not only breaking the law of the Sabbath day. He was even calling God his own Father. He was making himself equal with God

What does Jesus say about who he is and what he came to do?

(v.19) He is the son of God, who sent him.

(v.21) He came to give people new life. (also v.24, 25)

(v.22) He came to be God's fair judge (also v. 27 & 30)

How can we get the new life Jesus came to give?

Listen to Jesus and believe (v24)

People who obey God and do his good commands can also have this life. (v.25)

Youth

Read John 5:16-47 together as a family.

What motivates the characters to act as they do?

(Faith? Love? Fear? Anger? Envy? Insecurity? Command by God?)

Is there any significance to the time or place of the passage that gives meaning to what is happening?

(If it's the OT, are there any NT links and vice versa? Are there similar scenes in other parts of the bible to contrast and compare?)

What is the significance of what happens in the passage?

(What changes as a result of the events of this passage? Is it a personal change? A community change? Are the consequences negative or positive for the different characters?)

Pray

Dear Lord,

Thankyou for showing your love through Jesus.

- Amen

ENGAGE

As parents, encourage your family to reflect on the bible passage and the big idea through a creative/active/engaging activity.

Whole Family

FOLLOW THIS

This game is similar to 'Simon Says' but consists of actions only. One person is selected as the leader. The leader initiates a series of quick changing actions, eg. patting head with left hand then with right hand, hands up, hands down. Put an arm out etc.

Your family must copy the sequence exactly. Anyone who makes a mistake is either the next leader, or is out (depending on how ruthless you want to be).

Success depends entirely on keeping your eyes on the leader and doing exactly as the leader does. This is like following Jesus. We must keep our eyes on him and do as he does and not get distracted by the things around us. When we read the bible well and learn about Jesus, we can live for Jesus well.

Pray

Thankyou for sending Jesus so we can know your love, and have an example of how you want us to live.

- Amen

As parents, encourage your family to work out real and practical ways they can respond to God in light of the Bible passage. Land the application in this section.

Early Years

In John 5:24 Jesus says:

“... Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. They will not be judged. They have crossed over from death to life.”

We hear Jesus’ words today by reading the bible. Make a poster to remind your family it’s important to read the bible well so you can live for Jesus well.

Kids

Read or review John 5:16-30 together as a family.

How can we get the new life Jesus came to give?

Listen to Jesus and believe (v.24)

People who obey God and do his good commands can also have this life. (v.25)

How can we ‘listen’ to Jesus and obey his commands today?

Read the bible well so you can know what Jesus wants and live for Him well.

What’s your plan as a family to make to read the bible regularly so you can know and obey Jesus?

Make a poster to remind your family it’s important to read the bible well so you can live for Jesus well.

Youth

Who do you relate to the most in this passage? Why? How does that make you feel?

What do we learn about God/Jesus from this passage?

What do you think is the ‘lesson’ of this passage?

What does this passage hold up as a positive example for us to do? What does this passage hold up as negative examples of what not to do?

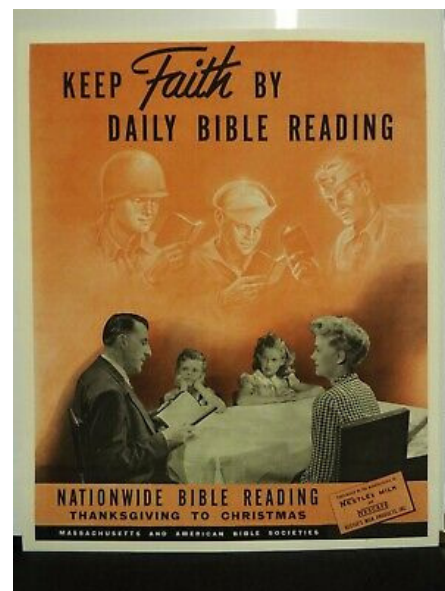
What does it look like for us to follow (or not follow) the examples set in this passage as children of God who live in the freedom of God’s grace?

Pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Help us to recognise your power and authority in our lives as we try to live for you. Help us to follow Jesus example of how to live well.

- Amen



SING

As parents, encourage listen and even sing along together to songs that are a great way of responding with our hearts to what we are growing in together.

Early Years

Check out this fun song '**Read Your Bible Pray Every Day**' by **GO KIDS ASIA** that reminds us the importance of reading our bibles and talking to God in prayer:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCerlvAtCyg&ab_channel=GOKidzAsia

Kids

As a family sing our kids church song **SHINE BRIGHTLY** by **Dan Warlow**. It's by listening to his words in the bible that we are able to live the way he wants us to.

<https://vimeo.com/586247992/2458ff23aa>

Youth

As a family sing our church song **YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME** by **City Alight**. It's by listening to Jesus words in the bible that we are able to live the way he wants us to. Not in our own strength but through Jesus.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdEWF59L4U&ab_channel=KeithandKristynGetty

