

Family Discipleship

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And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:52

The Foundation

The Foundational role of the Family and the Church in Disciplining the next generation

Ephesians 6:4b- but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalm 19:7-10

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:27-28

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

Genesis 2:15-18

*But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.
1 Corinthians 11:3*

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

The Role of the Family in Discipling the Next Generation

What We Do

- **Father-** by Learning from and Living for Jesus Christ will fulfill the role of Servant-leader as the Head of the home
- **Mother-** by Learning from and Living for Jesus Christ will Supplement, Support, and Submit to her husband's leadership as his Helper in the home.

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What We Do...

- **Father and Mother-** together, by Learning from and Living for Jesus Christ will Disciple their children Diligently

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9

What Do We Disciple

- Disciple at its core means to **train** and **teach**
- We were given a glimpse of what we as Fathers and Mothers are to.

Train and Teach in...

*...but bring them up in the **discipline and instruction of the Lord – Ephesians 6:4b***

This word “discipline” refers to “chastening”, which, though the time when it is administered may not be pleasant, is appreciated afterward and produces excellent fruit. This “discipline” is “training in righteousness”. “Discipline”, accordingly, may be described as training by means of rules and regulations, rewards, and when necessary, punishments. It refers primarily to what is done to the child.

“Admonition” (ESV Instruction) is therefore prevaillingly training by means of the spoken word, whether that word be teaching, warning, or encouragement

William Hendriksen

A. What We Instruct

- The sum total and source of all Christian Instruction is wrapped up in and derived from what Jesus Christ calls the First and Great Commandment from Deuteronomy 6:5
- This supreme love for God should be what governs everything in and around our lives, including our children – Deuteronomy 6:6-9

A. What We Instruct

- Coupled with what Jesus called the First and Great Commandment from Deuteronomy 6 is another command from God to parents which **reveals**, as *Family Discipleship* states on *pg. 47*, “**that the highest priority of parenting is helping children to know, follow, and trust Him (God).**”

*What Jesus called the Great Commandment (the supreme love for God in Deuteronomy 6) as well as what we call the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 (the assignment to make disciples everywhere) both have profound import for the Christian family. The biblical imperative is for believing parents to teach their household to obey **ALL** that Christ has commanded, principally, to love and follow God above anything else.*

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A.What We Instruct

1. Instruct what You have Recently Learned

- If you are truly a Disciple of Jesus Christ this should be easy because you should be spending time in the Word and Prayer on a daily basis – **John 8:31-32**

2. Instruct what is of First Importance - The Gospel!

- The only way our children will ever truly come to know and love God is if they are Born Again
- The **Gospel** is God's power for salvation in those who believe - **1 Corinthians 15:3,4**

B. Why We Discipline

- 1. Discipline is Commanded by God and therefore Assumed in Scripture - *Proverbs 23:12-14; Hebrews 12:7b***
- 2. Discipline is a Display of a Parents Love for their Children - *Hebrews 12:6a; Proverbs 3:12***
- 3. Discipline Produces Respect and Admiration in Children for their Parents - *Hebrews 12:9a***

B. Why We Discipline

- 4. Discipline Produces Righteousness for those Trained by it - *Hebrews 12:10b,11***
- 5. Instruction is Deficient without Discipline
*Prov. 22:15: Prov. 23:12-14 - Prov 29:15***

C. How We Discipline

1. Parents Discipline by Laying down the Law for their Children - *Proverbs 29:15*
2. Parents Discipline by Removing Rewards from their Children - *Deuteronomy 28:1-3; 15-16*
3. Parents Discipline by Exhorting their Children - *Hebrews 12:5a-*
4. Parents Discipline by Reproving their Children - *Hebrews 12:5b-*
5. Parents Discipline by Chastising their Children - *Hebrews 12:6-*

When and How Do I Show and Teach Grace?

Grace - is giving or receiving that which someone does not deserve

Specifically applied to the topic of Discipline, it's Pardon from the consequences of disobedience

1. We extend Grace Sparingly and Surprisingly
Romans 2:4

Who is the Church

The Church is the Regenerated, Redeemed People of God Gathered Together in Local Assemblies to Worship God by Obeying His Word

**The Role of the Church in
Discipling the Next Generation**
Ephesians 4:11,12

Supplement the Ministry of the Saints

- 1. Teaching and Training the Truths of Scripture -
*Titus 2:7,8a***
- 2. Providing a Community where the “One Anothers” are
Practiced - *Galatians 6:1,2***
- 3. Assuming the Spiritual Responsibility of Parents that
have Abdicated It - *Titus 1:4***

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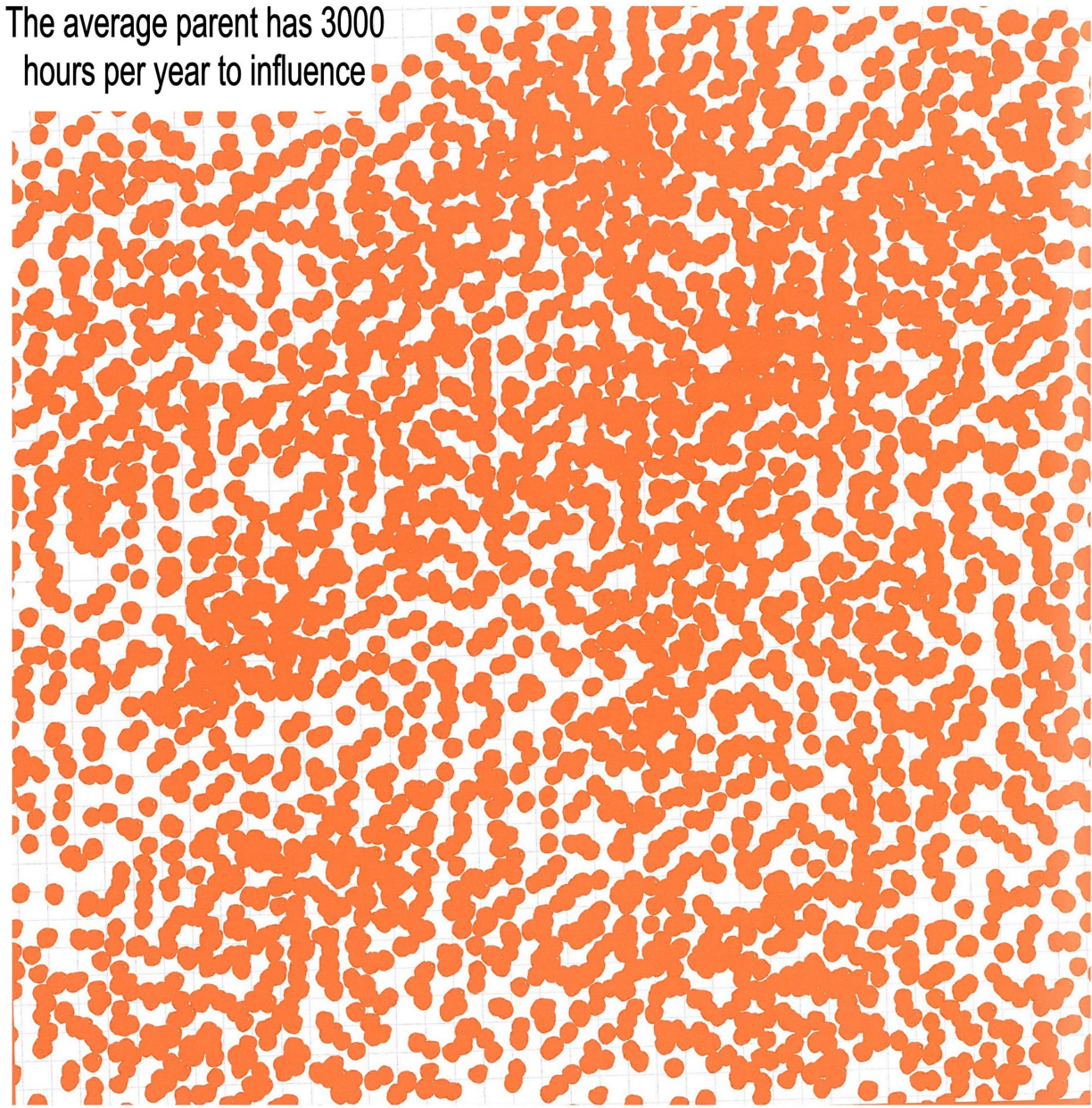
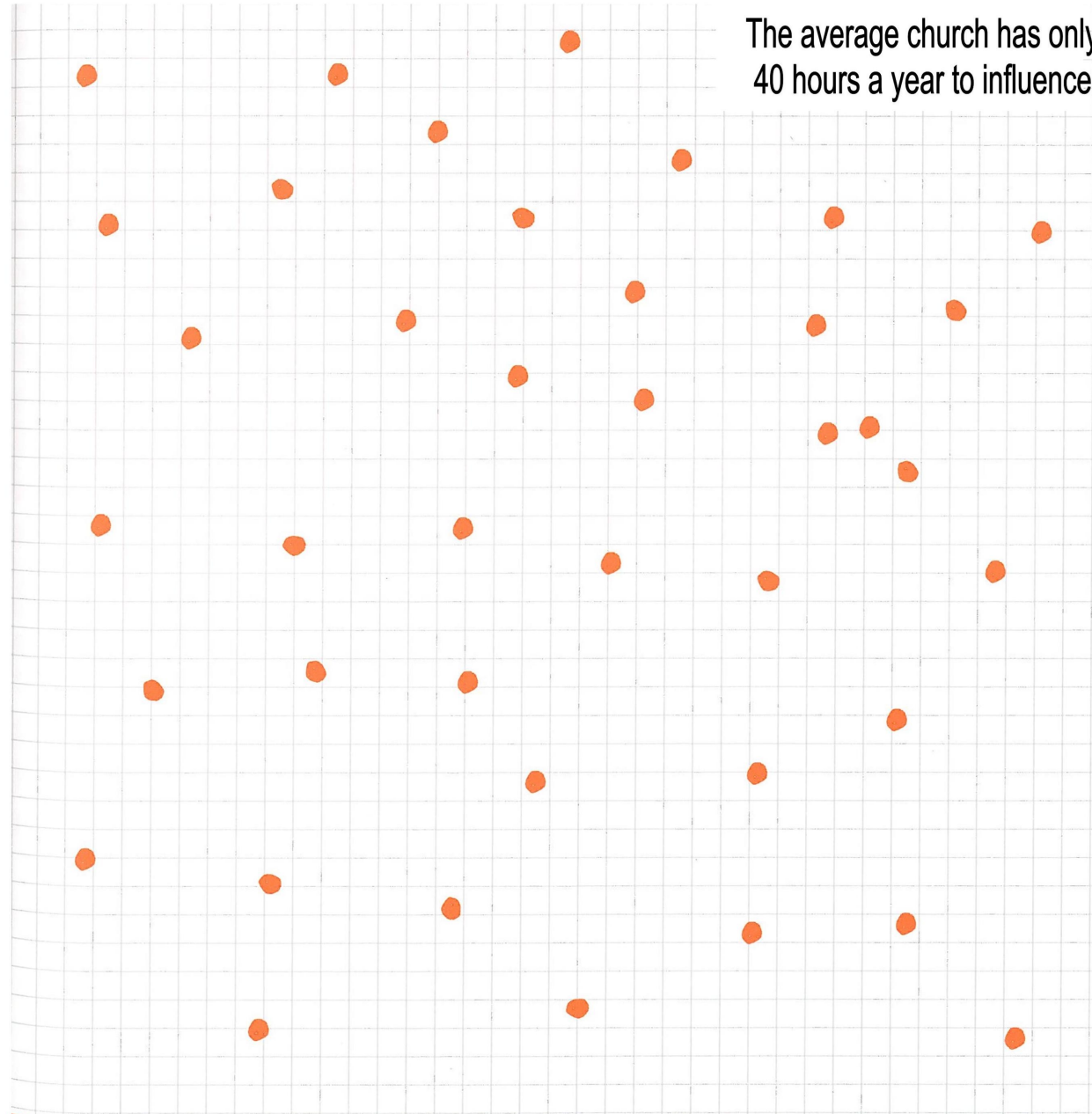
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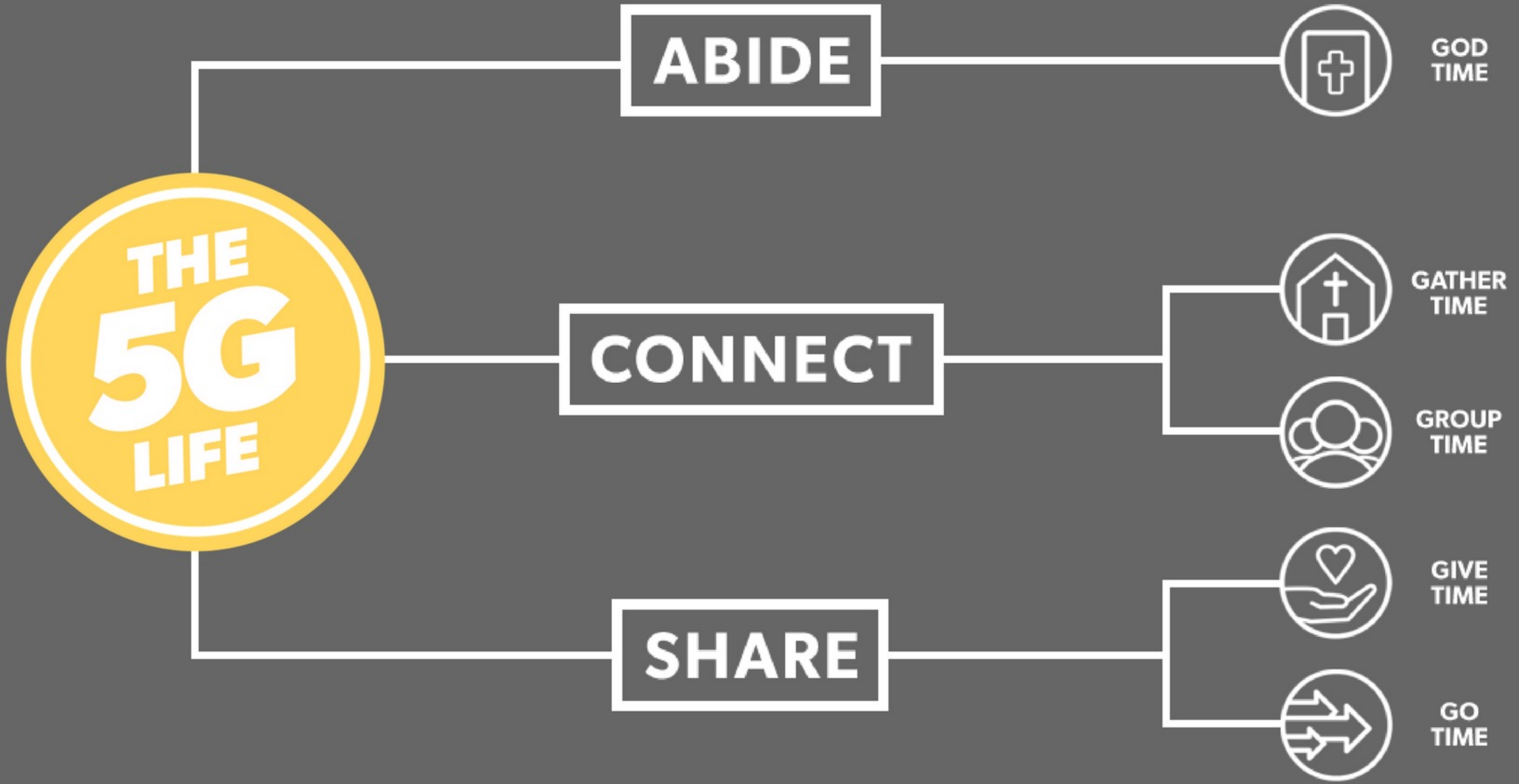
Read Chapter 2 & 3

Memorize Luke 2:52

The average church has only
40 hours a year to influence

The average parent has 3000
hours per year to influence





**THE
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