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Luke 2:52

Jesus grew...

Intellectually
Physically
Spiritually
Socially



Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Love God with all your heart
Teach your children diligently

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Deuteronomy 6:4-6

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 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 6:7-9

Behold, children *are* a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.

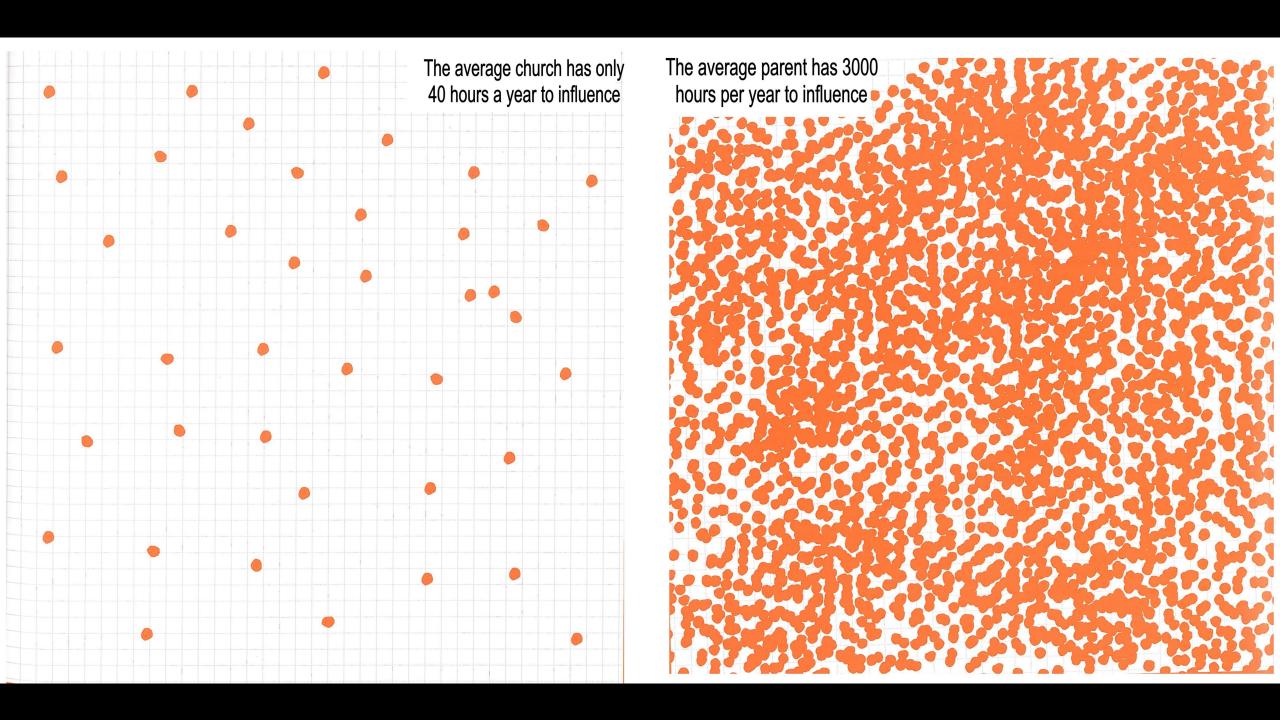
Psalm 127:3

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works,

Psalm 139:13-14

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A Disciple Maker is a follower of Christ helping others follow Christ.

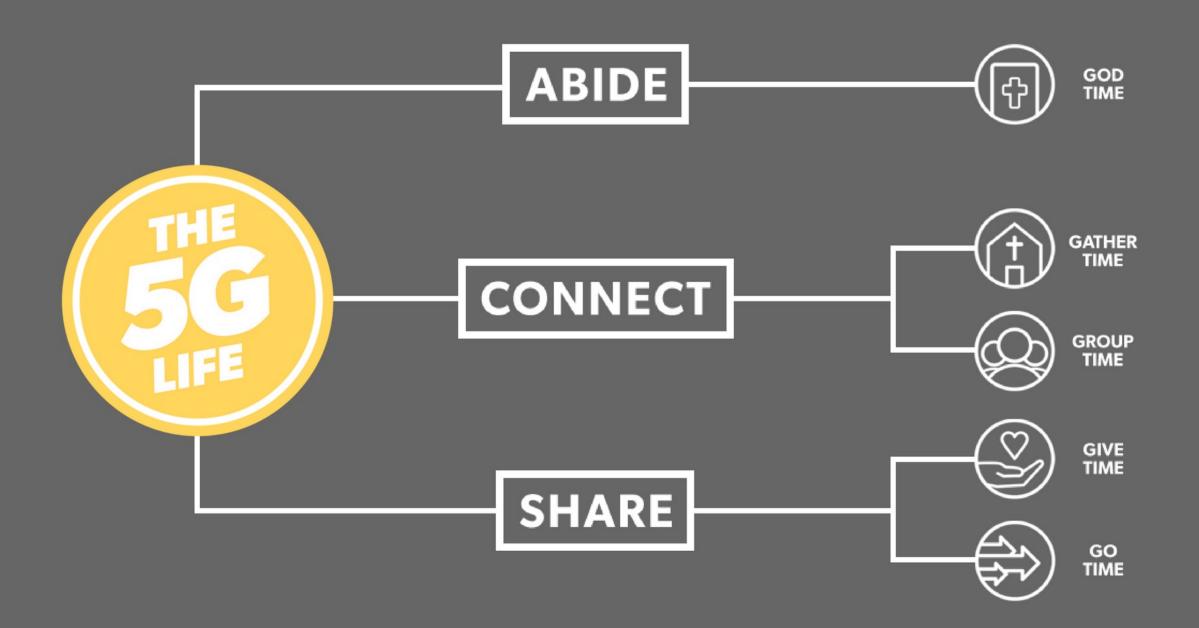


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When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

2 Timothy 1:5



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Family discipleship assumes two essential truths that undergird this entire resource. First, parents have the potential to be the most influential person in a child's life. Second, God has clearly commanded that the highest priority of parenting is helping children know, follow, and trust him. Family Discipleship, p. 25

What Family Discipleship is Not

- 1. Free-Form Spiritual Exploration
- 2. To use the Word of God to get your way
- 3. A way to raise popular kids
- 4. Not a strategy to become an admired parent
- 5. Always the Most appealing way

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Family discipleship is the charge to realign your priorities, to acknowledge that the spiritual feeding and the spiritual covering of your children needs to be as vital to you and your family as your children's physical feeding and physical covering. "While bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). Family Discipleship, p. 28

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"What could be more revolutionary in a community than a collection of families raising kids to be followers of Jesus together? The Lord working through large-scale family discipleship would revitalize a church and revolutionize an entire society. Family Discipleship, p. 28

"It is the power of God at work transforming lives and overthrowing the rule of sin in our own homes. It is setting whole households and therefore whole communities on mission to love God, love people and make disciples that make disciples."

Family Discipleship, p. 28

Making disciples at home is not "one more thing" to add to your list of parental tasks. It is the thing, the primary mission and calling that should undergird every single interaction your family is fortunate to have. Family Discipleship, p. 28

"Put simply, leading your family means going first, initiating what needs to be done. It starts with you. Whatever your family needs, meeting the need begins with your action. In the case of spiritual leadership, that means that you are responsible to initiate and maintain a culture of discipleship in your home.

Family Discipleship, p. 32

"It will not happen without you. You have more influence in your family than you perhaps realize. Using your profound influence to line up your kids behind you and say to them, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1) is your spiritual leadership."

Family Discipleship, p. 32

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