



Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

City Group Icebreaker: *Questions to Get You Talking*

- What elements do you carry over from your childhood into your current family life? What elements do you want to change?

Key Scriptures: *Psalm 127:3-5*

Application Point: An inward-focused family is not centered on the gospel of Jesus and will be functionally unhealthy.

MTG Scriptures: Read *Genesis 27* in its entirety.

Big Idea of the Message: The family does not exist for itself but for God and the world.

The Essential Questions: By narrowing the focus on your work to questions such as these, you'll be able to appropriate a healthy spiritual vision for how your faith and family intersect.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Growing up, would you say your family experience was inward or outward focused?
- How many people here practice family devotions/worship? Will you please share your experience with the group?
- Is the concept of a family mission statement new to you? Do you think it is a good idea? Why or why not?
- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

Move Up. Connect to Christ

- As it pertains to your pursuit of holiness and obedience to God's commands, has your hunt to connect to Christ, been misconstrued to imply simply taking Jesus as a moral example by placing Him first? How?

Start Praying. *Lord, deepen my love of You. Help me to love you more and place you at the center of all things.*

Move Out. Connect to Culture.

- In the midst of human brokenness. We can still all grow in faithfulness and intentional mission within the families we have been given—How can your biological family turn from being inward to being outward? How can your spiritual family turn from being selfish to being selfless?

Start Praying. *Lord Jesus, I want to join You in better loving my neighbors. Teach me, to see others as you would see them. I ask also for your forgiveness. I have failed to show grace to our neighbor. Help me to refine these gifts you have given us, love others as self.*

Move In. Connect Culture to Christ.

- Families exist for God's sake. For the kingdom's sake. As a family (biological & spiritually), how have you existed for those not here yet (the world) and not yourselves?

Start Praying. *Lord Jesus, I want to join You in your mission. Send me, as an ambassador to share Your good news with _____. Help me use truth as a light to guide me, and grace as a hand to hold the weary. Help me to be your disciple.*

Application Point: A pilot has a vision of where they are going; they have a flight plan before they take off. If you want your family to be focused, then you'll need to have a vision of how to get there. A (F.M.S) is a great tool to cultivate a spiritual vision for your family life in 2020.