

JOINING JESUS AS A FAMILY

Video 1: What Does It Mean to 'Disciple' My Child?

Book Chapters 1-2

Matthew 4:19

Philippians 3:17

Group Discussion:

- 1) Introduce your family to the group by sharing their names, ages, and one compliment about each.
- 2) What are you hoping to gain from this book?
- 3) In chapter one, Greg describes the reaction parents had when he told them the goal of the book is "to help parents intentionally disciple their kids to become lifelong followers of Jesus."

What is your reaction to that goal? Are you terrified, excited, incredulous, or something else? Why?

- 4) As you read Greg's conversation with the group, what "light bulbs" clicked on?

Was there a key phrase or quote that got your attention? Share it with the group.

If your children are older, as you read the conversation, what would you underscore for parents who have younger children?

- 5) Before reading chapter two, how would you have defined the words "disciple" and "discipleship"?

How would you define them now?

- 6) God wired the child/parent relationship so that raising your child = discipling your child. In other words, your lifestyle is your child's discipleship curriculum, for better or worse.

If you were raised in a Christian home, what kind of Jesus-followers were your parents? Apathetic? Duty-driven? Harsh and overbearing? Fruitful and fulfilled? Something else?

How has their example affected the way you are raising your children to be Jesus-followers?

If you weren't raised in a Christian home, what did your parents think about Christians?

How has their example affected the way you are raising your children to be Jesus-followers?

- 7) What are some ways you can be more intentional about being the kind of Jesus-follower you want your children to see and imitate?

Wrap Up:

What insights came to you during this session? How can you immediately put the insights into action to benefit your family? (Remember, whatever Jesus gives you to do, he enables you to do by grace.)

Is there an insight or question on which you want to continue reflecting and journaling?

Go around the group and ask, "How can we help each other in prayer?" Then have each person or couple pray for the next.