

Welcome

Church Life, Leadership and Planting Network

relational
mission



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Raising Spiritual Sons and Daughters

Not a business

Ephesians 2: 15-16, 19

1 Timothy 5:9

God as a Father

Matthew 6: 9-13

Romans 8:15

Galatians 4:6

“What is the highest privilege of the gospel? What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father....

...If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. ...Adoption...is the highest privilege that the gospel offers; higher even than justification...To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater.”

J.I. Packer – Knowing God, p200-201, 206

Family in the Old Testament

Genesis 17:4

Proverbs 4:1

Genesis 49:1-4

Psalms 139

Family in the New Testament

1. Who we are and how we live - *Matthew 5:45*
2. Not many fathers - *1 Corinthians 4:15*
3. Father and son - *Philippians 2:22*
4. My true child - *2 Timothy 1:2 / Titus 1:4 / 1 Timothy 1:2*
5. Care for his own family - *1 Timothy 5:8*
6. Rufus' Mother - *Romans 16:13*
7. Family dynamics - *1 Timothy 5:1*

Leading with a family mindset

A two-eyed
concept



Hallmarks of healthy families

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- Parenting is a priority
- Parents are available
- Parents are adaptive
- Good character over good grades
- Relationship, not obedience

How to multiply
as family

A. Make room for mess

“Lower standards
raise children”



B. Think: succession

“...He must become
greater...”



C. The bigger picture

“Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers... that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever...”

Psalm 48:12-14



D. Your role, not your job title

Rethinking your
identity



E. The goal is relationship

“...No longer do I call you servants...” (John 15:15)



“But you know Timothy's proven worth,
how as a son with a father he has served
with me in the gospel.” (Phil 2:22)

“An act of discipling or discipline becomes an act of love, reaching out to draw the person closer into relationship. We correct a disciple’s bad habit or weak area not for correction’s sake, but because it represents a stumbling block to our being able to grow closer in friendship. We are not pushing someone away, but are extending ourselves in humility in the hopes of drawing closer to them.”

Keith Intrater, Covenant Relationships

Family in Europe

Discuss

Do I disciple as family or organisation?

How do I currently disciple others in the areas of character / skills / knowledge?

Group Question

How do these ideas of...

Character / Skills / Knowledge / Family

...inform our own disciple making
process?

Personal Reflection

Do I approach discipling others with a family or organisational mindset?

How do I currently disciple others in Character / Skills / Knowledge?