

Family on Mission: How to Increase Your Kingdom Impact by Going from Parents in Ministry to Family on Mission

Many of the children of those in ministry resent the work of their parents and end up far from God, or at least far from ministry. Others catch the vision of Christ's kingdom at an early age, join their parents, and become a powerful light in their schools and among their friends. What makes the difference between kids who wander and a family on mission? Drawing from personal experiences, the Word of God, and a recently completed research study of ministry families in Europe, Dave will help you understand how you can equip your family for multi-generational impact.

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Intro

Three options for your home

1. Dad or Mom in ministry
 - Samuel – I Samuel 2:12-36
 - David – I Kings 1:5-6
2. Mom and Dad on Mission
 - Joshua 24:15
 - Judges 2:6-10
3. Family on Mission
 - Luke 2:49
 - John 5:19
 - John 12:49-50
 - John 20:21

God's rescue mission is the family business

What are the benefits of family on mission?

1. Holistic family health
2. Disciplemaking of those closest first
3. Increased impact
4. Generational legacy – Prov 13:22

Seven habits of family on mission

1. Authenticity
2. Conversation about mission
3. Learning by doing
4. Equipping for mission
5. Sacrifice and service as privilege
6. Emotional availability
7. Celebration

Four thieves of family on mission

1. Mission to make a good impression
2. Mission to validate dad and mom
3. Mission to clone the parents
4. Mission that is controlled and owned rather than stewarded and received.