



Family Vacation - Discipleship

Week of May 23-29, 2021

Key Message

A growing relationship with Jesus always has another step to take.

Discuss

- What is your most disastrous or bad vacation memory? How did the trip end?

Read and Discover

Luke 2:41-52

- Have you ever lost sight of your child while in a store or were you the child who disappeared? How did you react?
- How would you react if your child or a friend's child was missing for three days?
- How would you define what it looks like to grow, "in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people"?

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 20-25

- Who taught you the most about faith/Jesus? What was the setting where you remember learning the most from them?
- Is your relationship with Jesus growing? If so, how? If not what is preventing it from growing?
- What are some places in your everyday routine that you could intentionally talk about faith with your kids, spouse, or close friend?
- What Bible story has had the most impact on your faith or what passage do you go to when you need to feel close to Jesus?

Application

- Who are the five people currently on your kids, grandkids, or your team? Pick one of them and tell how they



have influenced your relationship with Jesus?

- What is one thing you could do this week to say thanks for the role they have played in your life?
- What is one baby step you want to take this week to continue growing in your relationship with Jesus?
- Pray for each other...
 - a. Thanking God for the people on your team or your kid's team
 - b. Thanking God for the ways He is at work in your life
 - c. The courage or discipline needed to take the step you shared earlier
 - d. Other requests that have been shared.



Family Vacation - Discipline & Training

Week of May 16-22, 2021

Key Message

God uses discipline to grow us up in our faith and make us more like Jesus.

Discuss

- If you could eliminate one law or rule in life what would it be? Why that one?
- What rule did your parents have for you growing up that you did not or will have for your kids?

Read and Discover

Read Proverbs 22:6 & Ephesians 6:1-4

- The author of Proverbs makes a big statement about what will happen if we raise our kids “right”. How would you comfort a family that felt like they did all the “right” things but their kid(s) made poor decisions?
- Did your parents ever “provoke you to anger” as a child or have you ever “provoked your kids to anger”? Share the story. If you could go back and change the situation what would you do differently?

Read Hebrews 12:7-11

- Tell about a time when you had to be disciplined as you trained for a sports, musical, acting, etc. event. Was the discipline worth it for the result you achieved?
- God’s discipline is not meant as punishment for our sin. How does this idea fit with your understanding of God in the Old Testament? New Testament?



- How do your feelings about being disciplined or disciplining someone else change if you believe that discipline is meant to build you up?

Application

- Oftentimes we don't realize we are being disciplined until after the situation is over. Share a time when you think God might have been disciplining you and how you responded then versus now?
- What would it look like for you to submit to God's discipline this week?
- How can you encourage someone who feels like God is training them right now?
- Pray for each other...
 - a. To have strength and endurance as God trains us to be more like Jesus.
 - b. Wisdom about how best to support those you know who feel like God might be disciplining them.
 - c. Other requests that have been shared.



Family Vacation: Covenant, Family, Love

Week of May 9-15

Key Message

God uses families to spotlight His covenant love and grace, and point others to Jesus.

Discuss

- What is the all-time favorite vacation your family has taken? What made it so great?
- Have you ever had a “don’t make me turn this car around” moment with your family? How did that play out?
- What is one thing that can make or break a trip with your family?

Read and Discover

Read Numbers 11:4-6

- Do you sympathize with the Israelites in this passage, or does their response frustrate you? Why?
- How does this passage show us that we can trust God as our provider?
- Share a moment in your life when God was providing for you, but you didn’t recognize it until later.

Read 1 Samuel 7:7-12

- Why is it important for us to remember God’s faithfulness in our lives? What would our battles look like if we didn’t take the time to do this?
- The Israelites placed stones as a physical reminder of God’s faithfulness in battle. What are some of the stones you’ve placed in your life that help you remember the ways God showed up?

Read Joshua 24:14-15



- What would you say are your family's biggest core values? How do you make sure they are lived out in your daily life? In your kids' lives?
- What do you think it looks like for your family to "fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly?" Do you think your family does this well, or is it something you need to grow in?

Application

- What is one thing you need to ask God to "turn around" in your life so you can be a better leader in your family?
- What is one new practice your family can implement in your week (or everyday) to help you recognize God's faithfulness at work?
- What is something your family is passionate about? How could you use that to help others experience the love and grace of Jesus?
- Pray for each other...
 - a. For God to turn around the things that are hindering us from fully experiencing his love.
 - b. For boldness as we lead our families through the tough things COVID has brought.
 - c. That your family would take advantage of opportunities to show others the love of Jesus.
 - d. Other requests that have been shared.