



FBCOS Family Ministry

VISION

FBCOS desires to see our children experience and understand the gospel of Jesus Christ and how it should impact and shape the rest of their lives.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL LIFE

WHY HAVE A FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP PLAN

We are reminded in Deuteronomy 6:7 that parents play a vital role in discipling the next generation. We desire to come alongside your family to help encourage and equip you on your journey to make disciples of your children.

HOW TO DO FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

While every parent is called to teach their children to love God and love others, the actual application of this principle varies from family to family. Though each family is unique, we believe that vibrant family discipleship can take shape around three key elements: time, moments and milestones.

These elements are adapted from The Village Church Children's Ministry in Dallas, TX.

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TIME, MOMENTS AND MILESTONES

TIME – *create family discipleship time*

With our busy lives, a family must be intentional about planning a regular time of family bible study, prayer and worship. Your family's life stage and daily routine will determine if you are able to schedule daily or weekly times. Parents need to build intentional time into the rhythm of family life to talk about and live out the gospel.

MOMENTS – *capture family discipleship moments*

As you are living your daily lives with your children, look for moments throughout the day for gospel-centered conversations. Look for ways to connect everyday ups and downs to gospel truths. Use arguments to teach about mutual submission to one another out of love. When your child receives an unexpected gift, talk about the good gifts their heavenly Father gives them every day.

MILESTONES – *recognize and remember family discipleship milestones*

Mark and make occasions to celebrate and commemorate significant spiritual milestones of God's work in the life of the family and child. Celebrate the one-year anniversary of a broken arm being healed with ice cream, plant a tree to remember a grandparent who modeled God's love to them, and look for ways to use significant birthdays, trips or anniversaries to reinforce the gospel to your family.