

Children and Family

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Do you know the definition of DISCIPLESHIP? Do you know that PARENTS (and grandparents, for that matter) are CALLED to DISCIPLE their children (and grandchildren)? As I am looking at the fall and the feeling of starting anew, I am called to remind EVERYONE in my reach that as a parent, God has placed on you this awesome responsibility to disciple your family. It is a daunting task for sure! I will not discredit that in any way, shape, or form.



So, you may be thinking, “OK. I get it. I am supposed to be leading my family in the way of Jesus. But, HOW?” Well, that is where I come in! I am here to COME ALONGSIDE you as YOU disciple your family.

First thing is to be in worship regularly! Parents, you can choose to have your child worship alongside of you or have them attend Kids' Journey Groups on Sunday mornings. I leave this up to you to decide what is best for your family. Starting on September 8, our K-2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th Grade, and 5th & 6th Grade groups will be in full swing at both 9 and 11 AM.

Second thing is to be part of a Journey Group with other people who are trying to figure this parenting/discipleship. If you are looking for resources and/or ideas on topics, I would love to offer some to you! If you aren't sure about joining a Journey Group, consider participating in a Positive Parenting event! I will be offering [Spiritual Parenting](#) starting September 16 for six sessions. I also have [Positive Parenting Book Club](#) dates on the calendar with the books selected. I am currently researching [The Talk\(s\)](#) and when to offer this important study.

Third thing is to share your faith journey within your family! Share the Big God Story, pray together, eat meals together. Be intentional when you are gathered together. It can be around the table, in the car, on the way to practice, or wherever! Just be present with your family. Be honest and open with your family.

As we begin a new school year and have a fresh start, why not begin to disciple your family? Let me know how I can help you on this discipleship journey called parenting! I want to resource you, I want to come alongside you, I want to cheer you on, and, most importantly, I want to celebrate with you!

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