



Week 2: Thriving Families

The real picture of your family probably doesn't look like the original picture you had in mind, but instead of focusing on what's imperfect, what if you turned your attention to what's possible? Family was God's original plan to represent His Kingdom on earth and when you embrace His purpose, your family will begin to thrive.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe the picture you had in mind of your future family (before marriage and kids). How is that different from your current reality?
2. Family is the most important structure in a person's life. Do you agree or disagree? Explain. What are some ways your family shaped you, both positively and negatively? How did that influence the way you approach marriage and/or parenting?
3. There's a big difference between having a perfect family and having a thriving family. Describe what comes to mind when you think of a thriving family. What challenges do you (or did you) face that may stand in the way of that?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-6.** What role does community play in passing faith to the next generation? Did you have a faith influence outside of your parents? How did that impact you? Do/did you have another faith voice in the lives of your kids? How is/did that make a difference?
5. Moses gives specific ways to leverage the time in order to press faith into our children. Brainstorm some ways you can do that in your own context? If your children are grown, share your own experience.
6. Whether you're a young parent or a retired grandparent, what's one thing you can begin doing that will help your family thrive (ex: prayer time, family devotional, serve together, etc.)? Close out your time, praying for each other's families.