FAMILY STRONG

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY

God's plan for your family is not complex. We make it that way, but it is truly simple. This is the plan –

GOD WANTS TO RECONCILE THE WORLD TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST–FOLLOWING PARENTS WHO DISCIPLE THEIR OWN CHILDREN TO MULTIPLY GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION TO ALL PEOPLE.

In Gen. 12:1-3, we hear God's plan for Abram. What words or phrases stick out to you in this passage and why?

Let's study Gen. 18:16-21 to determine God's plan for families.

1. God's global plan of redemption, His strategy to bless all the nations of the world, began with one father teaching his one family to keep the way of the Lord.

2. Abraham's first task was to have a child and teach that child everything he knew about following God.

3. While Abraham had a global mission, his first step in seeing that purpose succeed was to teach his children.

4. Before Abraham would be a leader of a people, he would be a leader of a home.

5. God expected Abraham to keep his family on the right track of following the ways of the Lord.

6. God never intended organized religion to replace the family.

QUESTIONS

What are common pursuits that grab the attention of families these days?

Some pursuits of families are probably unhealthy. Some might be good pursuits but not God pursuits. Of the above mentioned list, would you consider any of them to be good (not inherently evil) as long as they stay in a healthy perspective? Why so?

How can families prioritize scriptural pursuits when secular pursuits constantly grab for our attention?

What examples (positive or negative) did you experience growing up that changed the way you thought about how family related to faith? What lesson did it teach you?

Have someone read Psalm 78:1-8 in your group. As the person reads, listen for key words or phrases and how it relates to how we should seek to strengthen the faith of our families. Discuss what section impacted you and why.

Ask if there are any prayer requests for the families represented at the table and pray for them together.