

Family Bible Talk

Week Two: Great Parenting

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TALK IT OVER

Pastor Dave Nelson helped us think through priorities when it comes to our families. He used a big jar of marbles as a visual of how many weeks we get together until kids graduate and launch out on the next part of life. Get out your calendars and figure out together how long you have until then.

Now dream a bit together. No matter what their ages what are make a family bucket list and decide:

- Experiences you want to have together?
- Traditions you want to develop?
- Anything you want to carry from previous generations or on to the next generation(s)?



LOOK IT UP

Open the Bible together and read about how to keep Christ-centered priorities!

1. Read 1 Peter 2:21. Who does the second part of the verse say we should follow?
2. Ok, if we are supposed to follow in Jesus' footsteps, we have to know where He walked and how He lived! Each of you trace your foot onto a piece of paper and then talk about the people Jesus spent time with, the things He did while He was here and the way He lived. As you talk, write on each foot outline what you learn about walking where Jesus walked... and where we are supposed to walk too! (For some ideas to get you started look at the verse below...)

[Deuteronomy 6:5](#); [Proverbs 22:6](#); [Mark 1:35](#); [John 13:35](#); [Galatians 5:13](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)



NEXT STEPS

A big part of have God-Centered priorities is scheduling in time to do what He wants us to do. Maybe some of the answers from the Look It Up section were about serving others or encouraging someone who needs it. Plan to DO something that is an act of service together. Maybe a neighbor is having a hard time and you can plant some flowers for them to brighten their day, maybe they need a meal so cook together and bring it to them or have kids draw a picture, write a note to tell someone what is special about them...



OPTIONS AND IDEAS

Be real about what you're letting get in the way of the priorities of faith and family. Don't try to tackle it all—but decide together one change you can make this week to help live out your true priorities.

