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PRAYER

Father, thank You that You created the family not just for belonging, but for building Your Kingdom. Help us today to hear Your voice and see how we can make space in our homes and households for You to move. Teach us what it means to live on mission as a family, in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

What's one childhood rhythm or regular habit (a daily, weekly, or seasonal practice) you remember clearly, and how did it shape who you are today?



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WORD

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (ESV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

REFLECTION

In Deuteronomy 6, God calls His people to embed His truth into the very fabric of family life. This wasn't meant to stay in the synagogue or temple—it was to live in the home. The language is practical: “when you sit... when you walk... when you lie down... when you rise.” God’s mission is passed from generation to generation not only through formal teaching but through ordinary, repeated rhythms of love, obedience, and remembrance.

Psalms 78:5–7 reinforces this by commanding each generation to tell the next about the faithfulness of God—so they, in turn, will trust Him. Joshua 24:15 illustrates a household publicly declaring allegiance to God: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” In Ephesians 6:1–4, Paul encourages families toward grace-filled discipleship where children are raised not in anger or fear, but in the nurture of the Lord.

A missional family is:

- **a microcosm of the church:**
What happens within the family is a reflection of the larger body of Christ.
- **Where Intergenerational discipleship happens:**
Passing on faith from one generation to the next is a vital part of God's plan.
- **living out the gospel in everyday life:**
Faith is not just something for church, but something that should shape all aspects of life, including family.

The **missional family** is not perfect—it's present. It's not about staging devotionals like a performance, but about making space for God's truth to shape conversations, decisions, correction, joy, and even rest.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would it look like for your whole family to be united in serving Jesus together? What is standing in the way of that right now? Do you see your household (or extended family) as a place God wants to move through—not just in? Why or why not?
2. In what ways has God used your LIFE GROUP or church community as a spiritual family in seasons when your biological family couldn't (or wouldn't) walk with you in faith?
3. How do you create space in your family life—however you define family—for God's mission to be discussed, prayed about, and acted on together?
4. How can your LIFE GROUP move from being a circle of Christian friends to becoming a spiritual household that carries Kingdom impact?
5. Who in your spiritual family needs encouragement, discipleship, or even just presence right now—and how might you step into that with purpose this week?

LIFE APPLICATION

- Take one small but meaningful spiritual rhythm (like praying together before leaving the house or sharing one gratitude at dinner) and practice it daily this week.
- If you're not in a traditional family setting, ask: Who am I called to walk with like family right now?
- Consider having a family or household mission statement—a simple reminder of what you live for together in Christ.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You created families not just to survive but to reflect You and Your mission. Help us to teach our children well, to live Your Word daily, and to see every part of our homes as a place where You dwell. Strengthen spiritual leaders in every household and help us to walk together as a wider spiritual family, committed to passing on faith, hope, and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.