

Home Field Advantage

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Session Goal

In this session you will walk away with five possible solutions to help you foster a healthy and positive family environment.

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1. Acknowledge Seasons of Life

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

- a. Know your boundaries
- b. Accept reality
- c. Have a plan

1. How does the season of life I am in change my ministry boundaries?

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no time limited time more time

2. What is the reality of my current situation?

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over-committed need more involvement right balance

3. What changes do I need to make in order to stay healthy in the season of life I am now in?

2. Establish Family Values

Luke 10:41-42 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

a. Values help guide your decisions.

b. Values need to be modeled rather than taught

c. Values help establish security and a safe place for your family

Examples:

- *Prayer*
- *Communication*
- *Trust*
- *God's word*

What four values do I want to establish with my family?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

3. Practice Spiritual Disciplines, Not Religious Rules

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

a. Disciplines get you from desires to experience

b. Avoid check-box living

Definition of spiritual disciplines: Disciplines are markers that help you train to be more like Christ

c. Have fun, be creative and make it practical

Example: family night, prayer walks, memorizing scripture

What spiritual disciplines do you need to implement to help you, your spouse and your family train to be more like Christ?

1.

2.

3.

4. Ask Good Questions, and Be a Good Listener

← Cold Medium Hot →

Cold - happens very little
Medium - happens sometimes
Hot - happens very often

2. What actions steps can I take to increase the encouragement atmosphere in my family?

- a.
- b.
- c.

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