

Discussion Guide

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Growing In Faith As A Family

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Main Idea

Pastor Peter shared his story of life change while he was a DJ at a nightclub and how it changed the trajectory of his life forever. We all have a story to tell and our salvation is just the beginning. Faith requires action in order to see the fullness of God's plans for our lives, especially as we grow as a family.

2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Developing Your Family Faith By Connecting to a Faith Family

We all need a faith filled family that will tear off the roof for us to get to Jesus? In order for us to be a family of faith for our spouse and kids, we need to be full of faith. The answer for this is to be connected in a group.

Who are you actively in relationship with others to the point where you are willing to rip off the roof for them. What things do you need to confess to your spiritual family? What simple things can you begin doing intentionally in order to spend more time with your biological and spiritual family?

Read: James 5:16, Luke 5:17-26

Normalize Hardships

Trials, troubles, and temptations will come for everyone. When they do, we teach our family that it's normal and that we have the promise of His presence. We run to Jesus and His word. We speak life into the situation and it builds our faith.

What hardships are you currently facing? How is your family seeing a representation of Christ in the midst of your trials? Who else is speaking into the situation?

Read: John 16:336

Fully Trust Him in Every Season

If you are single, find your future spouse in active participation in church. If you are dating an unbeliever that is pulling you away from God, they are probably not from God. If you're married to an unbeliever, look to the word for direction.

For singles or dating, In what ways are you settling because you don't believe there is anyone else out there for you?

For married couples, in what way are you spiritually investing in your spouse?

Read: 2 Corinthians 6:14, 1 Corinthians 7:12-16

SUMMARY

Family life can be chaotic and at times difficult. Thankfully we are not alone. Family doesn't consist of those who just live in our homes. Family is also here - our church - and we can experience that deeply in groups. Psalm 62:1-2 tells us that our soul will find rest and with Him we will not be shaken!

CALL TO ACTION

- 1. If you are not already in a group, join one or create your own group. You can click HERE for more information.
- 2. Take a simple small step to spend more times together as a family ie. schedule some family dinners, walks, or game time.
- Pray and look for opportunities to have some real talk with your kids or your spouse, or a close friend. Share your needs, remind them of our promises from God, and pray together. Surrender your relationships to God and let Him surprise you this week.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Getting to Know You

The aim of this icebreaker is to give everyone a chance to get to each other a little bit better. Ask each question and allow each participant <u>one minute</u> to answer. Use as many questions as you have time for or even make up some of your own to fit your group.

The goal is to give each participant an opportunity to tell a bit of their personal story. Ensure the group that this is a safe space and there are "bad" answers. Have some fun!

- 1. Where is one place you've never been that you'd like to go?
- 2. What is your prized pet peeve and why?
- 3. What is the last movie you saw in a theater? (Remind them of at the movies coming in November!)
- 4. Name one food you would absolutely never try even if someone offered you a hundred dollars.
- 5. Would you continue to working is you won \$10M?
- 6. What is the first vacation you remember?
- 7. What is the BEST piece of advice someone has ever given you?