

**Family Focused**  
Parent-Child Relationship and Discipleship

**Introduction:**

Discipleship necessitates relationships. But certain \_\_\_\_\_ necessitate discipleship.

True or False: Discipleship is a ministry \_\_\_\_\_ for the church.

**What is the role of church and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the discipleship of Children?**

1. How were children disciplined by the \_\_\_\_\_? Ephesians 6:1
  - a. When the church gathered for corporate worship, Paul was assuming that his letter would be read to the entire assembly which would include \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. It is a huge blessing for children to be part of our assembly and to worship in the corporate assembly. But it is also a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern.
    - i. Nehemiah 8:2-3
    - ii. Deuteronomy 31:11-13
    - iii. Matthew 14:21 and Mark 6:34f
  - c. Who is/are the specific individual(s) within the church that is commanded to bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
  
2. How were children disciplined by the \_\_\_\_\_? (Ephesians 6:1-4)
  - a. The pattern of the early church was to promote and \_\_\_\_\_ the institution of the family in the role of the discipleship of the children.
  - b. Although Fathers are ultimately responsible for the bringing up of children, \_\_\_\_\_ parents play a vital role.

**How does this apply to discipleship?**

- Truth# 1 – Christian \_\_\_\_\_, your position necessitates that you are discipling your children.
- Truth# 2 – Christian \_\_\_\_\_, your position necessitates that you are discipling your children as you serve under your husband's leadership.
- Truth #3 – Part of bringing up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord will involve teaching them the importance of corporate worship in the local \_\_\_\_\_.
- Truth #4 – The church is to encourage and \_\_\_\_\_ parents in their discipleship role, and must guard against undermining or \_\_\_\_\_ the role of parents.
- Truth #5 – Christian fathers and mothers make your home a \_\_\_\_\_ community.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What have you been learning from the Word of God recently?
2. How have you shared or applied what you have learned in the context of your family?
3. If a survey of Christian parents was done, what percentage do you think would say it is primarily the churches job to bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Why did you say that percentage?
4. John Piper states, “The greatest stumbling block for children in worship is that their parents do not cherish the hour.” Do you agree or disagree? What other stumbling blocks might families face in seeking to worship together? For his complete article visit the link: <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-family-together-in-gods-presence>
5. What is your earliest memory of attending a worship service?
6. Explain why the teaching of Deuteronomy 6:1 is vital to the success of the teaching of Deuteronomy 6:7.
7. Of the five applications truths that pastor shared at the end of the message, which one resonated the most with you?
8. What challenges are you facing in your role as a father or mother?
9. How does the rest of the book of Ephesians encourage parents?
10. What has helped your family become a stronger theological community?