



UNDER MY ROOF

A Significant Family

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Week
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Bottom Line: What happens in your home is more important than what happens anywhere else.

Icebreaker: What was an unwritten rule in your home (funny or serious)? When you think of your “home” when growing up, where was it?

Key Verse: *You must teach [God's commandments] to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning.* Deuteronomy 6:7 TLB

The home has the greatest potential for influence on a child's life. For us as Jesus-followers, two things are very important from the beginning: 1) The family was God's idea and it is His institution, so it will always be around because it is the basic building block of society. 2) God made Adam and put him in a perfect environment. Adam had everything he wanted. Then God said, “It's not good for you to be alone, Adam.” He gave Adam a helpmeet and they started a family. A family is meant to be a place of **REFUGE** in storms like **change**, **failure**, and **rejection**. You can handle much if you come home to hugs and acceptance. A family is meant to be a **SCHOOL**. It's a learning center where you learn the basic skills of life. You want to help your children move from parental control to self-control to God's control. They won't leave home without learning about three things, whether they are taught correctly or not: **Relationships**. You learn how you will relate to others for the rest of your life. **Character**. Character is caught, not taught. Much of who you are was picked up simply from watching your parents. **Values**. At home, you learn what's important. The things your family values comes through loud and clear, whether you intend it to or not. It's like a relay race. You are passing your values on to the next generation. You must consider what you want them to leave home with. What heritage do you want them to have? The family is meant to be a place of **FUN**. Intentionally celebrate your time together and enjoy the life you have together. Make your home a place your kids want to come back to. The family is meant to be a place where everyone learns to **SERVE**. We are all created to serve but we don't do it naturally. Our self-centered natures push against service, so we will need to learn to serve or it won't happen. We will lack the fulfillment that comes from service. Jesus said that if you want to be great, serve. What happens in your home is more important than what happens at work, at school, or even at church. The greatest way to discover the purpose of God's creation, whether it's the family, your gifts, the church, or creation itself, is to **KNOW** the **CREATOR**, made possible because of Jesus. Maybe you didn't experience family the way God intended but you're determined to do it differently. You can team up with the family Creator.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What was the most significant part of Sunday's message to you?

Change, failure, rejection. Has the refuge of family sheltered you through any of these storms? How have you been helped? How did your experience with storms in your growing-up years shape your way of making your home a safe place now?

You can handle a lot of failure in life if you come home to hugs. Family members are fans even when you're having a losing season. Does this represent reality or fantasy to you? Explain. How might you contribute to making your home a refuge?

What is a valuable life skill you learned at home? Is there anything you think should be taught at home that you didn't get? What and why?

Mom and Dad must help kids process through heartbreak and heartache. Remind them that relationships refine them, but they do not define them. Discuss.

LOOK IT OVER >>>

Character is caught, not taught. Illustrate this.

What you value will shape your kids' priorities more than what you say. How do you show that your values are really your values? Illustrate.

“One generation makes known Your faithfulness to the next” (Isaiah 38:19 TLB). How do you see this practically happening around you? How could it?

What is being intentionally taught in our home? What are we unintentionally teaching?

“People ought to enjoy every day of their lives, no matter how long they live.” (Ecclesiastes 11:8a NCV). What are some ways to make home fun?

How can you best teach about serving?

How does any of this work if you live alone? How can you encourage and help others?

NEXT STEPS

1. Begin a regular prayer discipline for your family. Pray for your family to grow in all four areas. Be specific about current needs.
2. Select one to three investments you can make in your family between now and the end of the year.
3. Become accountable to someone in your group for what you will do to help make your family significant.

EVALUTION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily.

Monday: Proverbs 14:26

Tuesday: Proverbs 17:17

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 5:8

Thursday: Colossians 3:21

Friday: Luke 2:52

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)