



# MOMENTUM

## Family Matters

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**Bottom Line:** NewPointe is here to help you be the spiritual leader to your children.

**Icebreaker:** If you could choose one age to be forever, what would it be and why?

**Key Verse:** *"These commandments . . . Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up."* Deuteronomy 6:6-7

God is all about relationships and family. The reason humans were created in the first place was because He wanted relationship. He put the first people in a family, designing that relationship for the well-being, health, and happiness of the humans He loved so much. When He sent His own Son to the earth to be the Redeemer, since He was God Himself, He could have come as a grown man, fully downloaded with everything He needed to know to do well in the world. But instead, God put Him in a family, with human parents to help Him grow. Family is central to the method and message of God.

God created the family to meet our central needs. God has created us in such a way that a child has typically formed his values and beliefs that will shape his life by the age of 13. That makes the family extraordinarily important because that child's major influence will be his home. The family is the most important unit on planet earth. It is where momentum for life begins.

God intends for the family to be a safe place, a shelter from storms, a place where love is given and received. It is a place to learn, where the intentional and unintentional teaching mirrors godly values. The family is a place to play, where the members are loved and accepted. The family God designed is a launch pad for service, where the members learn to serve each other and the wider world with joy.

God the Father showed us when Jesus was baptized the key messages the family relationship in all ages needs to give: You are loved, you belong, you are significant. This is our responsibility and privilege today.

### THINK IT OVER >>>

What part of the weekend message impacted you most?

What part made you most uncomfortable or challenged?

Which of the roles of the family do you feel your growing up at home got right the most? Is there a place that was significantly lacking?

Do believe children generally sense whether or not the family unit is giving them what they need? Explain your answer.

What do you believe are the evidences of a family that is coming up short?

What are the evidences of a family that is adequately fulfilling the job description for a family?

### LOOK IT OVER <<<

Discuss: "There's only one thing more precious than our time, and that's who we spend it on."

Discuss: "A child typically has formed his/her values by the age of 13." How does that impact the responsibility of the family? The church?

How did/does your family help you navigate the storms of life?

What values are the ones you believe are most often unintentionally transmitted?

What was a value in your home that was more absorbed than taught, good or bad?

How do you believe a family can communicate belonging and significance?

How does a family teach service in a "serve-me" world?

## NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

1. Find a place to serve in Family Life.
2. Begin to use the resources offered at NewPointe to build your family.
3. Pray together specifically for the health of your families.

## EVALUATION/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](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Day 1: Proverbs 14:26

Day 2: Luke 2:52

Day 3: Proverbs 5:18; Psalm 127:3-5

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 16:15

Day 5: Mark 1:11

***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)