



HOMIES

The Power of Priorities

#npfamily

Week 1

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Bottom Line: True priorities all begin the same way. CHOICE + GOALS + TIME = PRIORITIES

Icebreaker: Share where you lived when you were 12 years old and who lived there with you.

Key Verse: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."* Mark 12:30-31

Your life will never be happier than the state of your relationships. That is why God the Father said that the top priority in life must be the care of your relationships, starting with your relationship with Him, and then with your "homies," the people with whom you do life. Nearly all of us would say that God and our family are our top priorities. But, truth be told, much of the time an observer of our lives wouldn't guess it. In actual practice, we put work, hobbies, friendships, our own personal conveniences—so many things before what we claim to love most of all. We must consistently make the choice, then live it out in our goals over time in a way that shows our true priority.

In our families, there are four basic things that must receive priority attention:

TRAINING—We help each other become the very best we can be. There are some vital things we can't learn through formal education. We can only learn them in the upclose and personal setting of home life.

FUN—Home should be the place we enjoy and are enjoyed more than anywhere else. Spontaneous fun is great, but if you don't plan for fun you won't have much.

CARE—Attention, affection, and affirmation communicate care and love. Never let a day end without purposefully making sure each person has received these.

SERVING—You will never rise above mediocrity until you learn to care more about others than yourself. Getting that understanding at home will change life forever.

Great families are not perfect. But they are intentional. Live intentionally. See how life improves.

THINK IT OVER >>>

Thinking back on the message, what impacted you most?

Where are you strongest? Where are you weakest?

What did you learn best at home? What do you wish you would have learned at home that you didn't?

"Attention means love." Based on that, how loved would your "homies" say they feel?

"People don't remember much of what you say, but they do remember how you made them feel." What have you experienced about that?

We train through example and conversations. We can't rely on just one. We need both to connect the dots. How can you up your game in each area?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Who would get the award in your growing up family for service?

What's a most fun memory you have from your growing up family? What made it that way?

"Training doesn't happen well through criticizing or comparing." Talk about that. How does being compared devalue a person?

How does correcting constructively differ from criticizing?

"The greatest gift you can give your children is to love your spouse." Talk about it. How does this create stability and security?

NEXT STEPS

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

- 1) Thank God for the people who share your home.
- 2) Pray for wisdom and willingness to set proper priorities.
- 3) Share a goal for your priorities for the week.

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:

Day 1: Proverbs 22:6

Day 2: Ephesians 4:1

Day 3: Psalm 90:12

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Day 5: 1 Timothy 5:4

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)