

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

# THE FAMILY PROCLAMATION:

To partner with and equip parents to be the primary disciple-makers of their children as they help them move from seeking Jesus to serving Jesus through the gospel.

## **FAMILY MINISTRY PLAN DOCUMENT:**

We believe the Bible calls parents to be the primary disciple-makers of their children (Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 78:4-8; Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 1:5, 3:15). We also realize that family dynamics, culture, age, life change, etc. can all have an effect on the way discipleship happens in the home. Therefore, we have provided what we feel is a helpful framework that can be used in all contexts as parents seek to disciple their children. There is a lot of flexibility within this framework that can help you tailor it to the needs and spiritual development of you and your children. It is our hope that if you focus on these 4 C's (Consider, Create, Capture, and Celebrate) then you will be a much more effective disciple-maker of your children as you seek to help your children know, love, and serve Jesus.

#### **CREATE:**

Create discipleship opportunities right into the everyday rhythm of life where your family can be grounded in the gospel. Families must worship together by reading Scripture, singing, and praying.

## **CONSIDER:**

Consider your own life and how you are growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. If we are calling our children to consider Jesus and give up everything to follow him, then they must see us doing the same.

### **CAPTURE:**

Capture those teachable moments that occur daily where gospel-centered conversations can take place. These are unplanned but can be the most impactful, formative, and remembered times for your child.

#### **CELEBRATE:**

Celebrate the work of God in the big life and spiritual milestones of your family. It is important they see the priority and excitement placed on the right things and know all the glory and praise are God's.