

# Sermon Discussion Guide



## Parenting: Family Culture

Joshua 24:14-15; Proverbs 6:20-23  
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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Joshua 24:14-15 and Proverbs 6:20-23. What stood out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 What is the culture of your family? How does it compare to the culture of the family in which you grew up?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### FAMILY: A CULTURE OF TOGETHER

- 3 Are you more concerned with the thriving of others in your family more than your own thriving? If yes, how do you show it? If no, why not?
- 4 What practical things can a family do to maintain unity and be for one another rather than against one another?

## FAMILY: A CULTURE OF DISCIPLINE

- 5 How does the example of a Christian marrying a non-Christian demonstrate the importance of Christ being preeminent in all things?
- 6 “I love you, but you can’t have your own way.” Why is this a crucial parenting motto? Can you recall a time when you were told something to that effect?
- 7 Were you taught the value of hard work? If so, who taught it to you? How can you teach your children to work hard?

## FAMILY: A CULTURE OF MISSION

- 8 Did someone cast a compelling vision for your life? Have you cast a compelling vision for your children’s lives?
- 9 Have you or your family ever been on a mission trip? What did you learn from it?

## FAMILY: A CULTURE OF DELIGHT

- 10 Why is every child desperate to know that somebody delights in him or her?
- 11 What does it mean to give your child your face?
- 12 Why did Ray say at the end of the sermon, “The one thing you need to do is spend more time with your Dad”?

## **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?