

## COMMUNITY...

*Sharing our hearts and lives with each other so we become good friends.*

**DIFFICULT!** What is one of the hardest things you have ever done? Why was it hard?

**CHILDHOOD!** If you could change one thing about your childhood, what would it be?

## DISCIPLESHIP...

*Becoming more like Jesus in our character and skilled at doing life as He did.*

*Helping others come to Jesus, follow Jesus and lead others to follow Jesus also.*

### Disciple-Maker's Character (Christ-likeness)

**LIVING LOVED:** *Choosing to live FROM the Father's love of being fully accepted, unconditionally loved and delighted in, not trying to live FOR the Father's love.*

Read Romans 8. What does this passage say about living loved?

### Disciple-Maker's Competencies (Life Skills)

**DISCIPLING:** *Helping a new Christ-follower grow in Christ and disciple others.*

**How to converse with a stranger? Use FORM (Family, Occupation, Religion, Message)** When engaging in a conversation with a new person, it is helpful to think of the acronym **FORM**. Begin by asking questions concerning the person's **family**, then their **occupation** and then to their **religion** will help you get to know the person. If the person is still open to you, he/she is probably a person of peace (see below). At that point, it might be possible for you to share the **message**, either of your faith story or the Gospel.

### Accountability & Prayer Break into smaller groups (men & women)

*Creating a safe environment to be vulnerable, honest & accountable to each other.*

-Share one thing you want the group to pray for you this week. Pray for each other.

## MISSIONAL LIVING...

*Encouraging each other to serve people inside and outside the walls of Rockpoint.*

**Living as Fishers of Men:** Share who you are praying for where you live, work & play that our Father would bring to personally trust Jesus to save and change their lives.

**Rockpoint Missionary:** Pray for your Rockpoint missionary.

## **Sermon Discussion** *Use the following application questions from the sermon.*

**Big Idea:** Our heavenly Father longs for you to have a strong and spiritual home whereby the soul of your child (or grandchild) is ready to receive Jesus as Savior. We have a key role in passing on our faith to the next generation in a way that is both taught and caught. The best context for all this to happen is in the home.

### **Family Strong—Growing Faith At Home**

#### **Build a Legacy – Passing on your faith has a generational impact**

“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.” **Psalm 78:4 – 7**

*\*What legacy do you want to have for your children? Why? Describe (name) it.*

*\*What did you receive from your parents that you don't want passed on? Why?*

#### **Teach Truth with Grace – Children need a true North reading to navigate through the deceptive roads of life: Truth is caught more than taught.**

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” **Proverbs 22:6** “Folly is bound up in the heart of a child...” **Proverbs 22:15a**

“...a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.” **Proverbs 29:15b**

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, & you will know the truth, & the truth will set you free.” **John 8:31**

“Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.” **Col. 3:21**

*\*What are some of the main points of the above verses? What is truth North?*

*\*What do you do that provokes your children unto discouragement? Why?*

*\*What is the balance between ‘truth’ and ‘grace’ (Jn. 1:14-17) in your parenting?*

#### **Be Intentional – Parents must intentionally pass on their faith to the next generation in a way that will speak truth into the heart of each child**

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” **Deut. 6:6, 7**

*\*What do you think YOUR children need for them to receive truth in their heart?*

*\*List some of the truths you want to pass on to your children? Why these?*

*\*How vital is your own faith? What are you ‘passing on’ to your children?*

**What is your #1 take away? Why? How will you apply this now?**