



SESSION 6: LEVERAGING TIME: STRUCTURE



IN THIS SESSION

Our focus in this Session will be on the importance of putting faith in Christ into action as a family—learning what it means to be on mission for Christ *together* as we serve others in our community and world.



KEY PASSAGES

- **Philippians 2:7-9** ⁷ But [Jesus] emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- **Mark 10:42-45** ⁴² And Jesus called [his disciples] to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- **James 1:22-25** ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.



DISCUSS

- “We can teach our children a lot of things, but if we aren’t *doing* and providing an example, it will not meet our expectations or their needs.” As you reflect on this statement, why do you think action is a necessary part of disciple-making? What are some characteristics of a family that is “all talk and no practice”? Conversely, what are some hypothetical characteristics of a family that is constantly *doing* without being motivated by the gospel? How are these different from a family that acts out of their faith together?
- What is the ultimate goal of serving together as a family in light of the statements made by and about Jesus in Philippians 2:7-9 and Mark 10:42-45 (see *Key Passages* above)? Who is it that we are truly emulating and representing as we extend love in tangible ways to others? Why is this so pivotal to understand *before* we process through action steps as a family?
- Consider the challenge question given in the Session: What is one action you can do as a family that could move you forward into being on mission together? As you do, evaluate the opportunities that are already in your natural pathway of life—in your day-to-day activities. For the sake of accountability, share your thoughts on how you plan to talk about your missional experience with your family afterwards (i.e. evaluation) with the person or group with whom you are taking this Study.



PRAY

- Pray that God would give you a fresh perspective of your day-to-day life as a family in terms of opportunities for serving others. Invite your family to pray about these things and seek the Lord's guidance together.