

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. In what ways has my family of origin shaped me, good or bad?
2. In what ways have I used my family as an excuse not to get involved?
3. How have I viewed my family as a source of flourishing for others?
4. Who in the church could use family right now?
5. In what ways can Waite Park Church make it more conducive to your family serving and getting more involved? (Contact Pastor Kory at kory@waiteparkchurch.org)



The Gospel of Marriage and Family

The best way for a society to flourish is to have _____.

An idol is any _____ thing that becomes an _____ thing. -Tim Keller

The Gospel of Marriage and Family:

- Family should be our number one _____ and should be protected at all costs.
- Our kids should participate in _____.
- If my kids don't turn out the way I planned, God will be _____ in me

What the Bible says about family:

1. God created the family to promote human _____ . (Gen 1:26-27)

- Families don't exist just for _____ .

2. Family is often the carrier of generational _____ and dysfunction.

- Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-16)
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Genesis chapters 12-50)

Families are effective at passing down _____ from generation to generation.

- Physical features
- Medical history
- Family behavioral patterns

Your children will adopt the _____ through which you see the world.

3. Family can be the source of great joy and support or _____ and struggle.

Churches must recognize that many people don't experience what we often consider God's _____ family.

- Singleness
- Infertility
- Divorce
- Absent father
- Abuse
- Alcoholic parents
- Premature loss of a spouse or child

4. Your family can _____ the Kingdom or be an _____ for not getting involved. (Mt 12:46-50)

- Mark 9:61-62
- Luke 14:15-35

What do the decisions you make as a parent tell your kids about what you value?

5. The most important family is the _____ of _____. (John 1:12-13, Eph 1:5)

Jesus didn't come just to save individuals, he came to invite people into a new _____.

Your family is not just a fragile thing to protect, but a source of flourishing for others.