

SESSION 7 | FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

These family conversations are designed to help you create moments to talk about God and faith in your family. We want to encourage you to carve out a moment each week to read and discuss each family conversation. This could be over the dinner table, before bedtime, or whenever works best for your family. In each family conversation, you will find four parts.

Scripture:

Read the passage out loud, or encourage a family member to read.

Devotion:

Read this to your family.

Conversation:

Pick and choose what questions are best for your family to discuss.

Prayer:

Pray for your family, or encourage a family member to pray.

Just as a heads-up, things probably won't go as planned with your family conversations. Your family may interrupt, someone probably won't pay attention, and there may not be any grand spiritual moments. What matters most is that you are seeking God as a family. Faith in your family is more often caught than taught. Your family will most likely forget these devotions, but they will remember the intentionality and time together. That will set the stage for you to model faith and continue building a spiritual legacy in your family.

SCRIPTURE:

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

Acts 4:13

DEVOTION:

Have you ever felt like you're just an ordinary kid or adult, wondering how you could possibly make a difference in the world? Maybe you think you need to be older, smarter, more experienced, or more educated to point people to Jesus and make disciples. But Acts 4:13 shows us something amazing, **God can use anyone to do incredible things, no matter their age or background.**

Peter and John were ordinary guys. In fact, most scholars believe the disciples were teenagers to young adults. They didn't have a fancy education or special training. What they did have was a relationship with Jesus, and that made all the difference. People noticed their courage and realized it was because they had been with Jesus. This means that spending time with Jesus can transform you into someone who can make a big impact, even if you feel ordinary.

How can you and your family make disciples right where you are? Here are a few ideas:

Be Courageous: Just like Peter and John, you can be bold in sharing your faith. Talk to your friends about Jesus and what He means to you. You don't need all the answers, just share your story.

Lead By Example: Live in a way that shows others what it means to follow Jesus. Be kind, honest, and loving. When people see the difference in your life, they'll want to know more about Jesus.

Pray For People: Pray for the people in your life that do and don't know Jesus. Ask God to be present in their lives.

Pray For Opportunities: Ask God to show you ways you can help others and make a difference. He might surprise you with opportunities to encourage a friend or help someone in need.

Encourage Your Friends: Whether your friends know Jesus or not, help them discover their gifts and talents. Invite them to serve somewhere with you. Share your life with them.

Remember, you don't have to wait until you're older, more experienced, or for the perfect time to make a difference. God can use you right now, just as you are. Spend time with Jesus and let His love and boldness shine through you. You and your family can make disciples. Be encouraged and know that God is with you every step of the way!

CONVERSATION:

Have you ever felt like you're too young, too ordinary, or not ready to be used by God? What makes you feel that way?

Share one extraordinary thing about each of your family members that makes them unique.

What are some simple things we can start doing as a family to grow closer to Jesus?

How can you show others what it looks like to follow Jesus through your actions at school, home, or work?

Who is one person you can pray for or encourage this week?

PRAYER:

As a family, thank God that He can use anyone, no matter how ordinary, to do extraordinary things. Ask God to help your family to grow in faith, use your unique gifts, and encourage others. Finally, pray for God to be present in the lives of your friends/family that don't know Jesus.