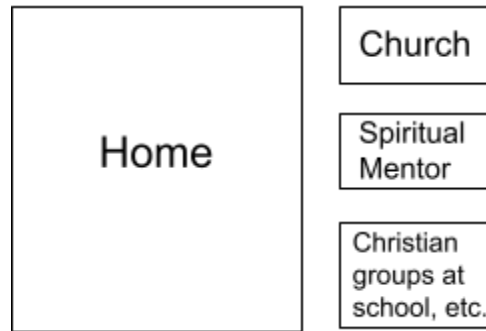


## Discipleship Strategy for the Family



### Where discipleship begins: at Home

Discipleship is supposed to begin in the home and more than that, the home is supposed to be the primary place of discipleship (Deut 6). That is the long and short of it. You do not have to have a Bible degree to lead discipleship at home. You simply have to be willing to put in time and effort because discipleship happens intentionally.

Here are some elements of Discipleship at home that have been noted as particularly crucial:

- Regular Bible reading (this is most significant)
- Regular times of prayer
- Regular service in the church and community
- Regular singing of Christian songs/songs of praise to God

Other notable elements:

- Participation in missions trips/service projects
- Proclaiming the Gospel to unbelievers
- Asking forgiveness after sinning
- Tithing
- Teaching others

What is encouraging is that less emphasis is put on how these elements were done and more on the fact that they were done. If needed, do not be afraid to ask other Christians or your pastor(s) for ideas inside each of these elements. One note is that the above elements were participated in by parents and children.

\*Info taken from:

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## **Discipleship Strategy for the Family**

### **Coming along side the Home: Church, Christian Mentors and everything else**

Just because the home is the primary place of Discipleship does not mean that Church, Spiritual mentors or anything else that aids in development as a disciple of Christ is unimportant. It simply means that the home is the primary place of discipleship and everything else comes alongside the home.

#### **Church**

Church attendance; being an active part of a local body of believers, is very important. An absolutely crucial element of the church one chooses to attend is that the teaching in all age groups, emphasizes what the Bible says.

#### **Christian Mentors**

Mentorship, especially Christian mentorship, is too undervalued in our day and age. As with the church you attend, a crucial element of a Christian mentor is that the mentor emphasizes what the Bible says.

#### **Christian Groups at School and anything else**

Christian groups at school and anything else you may want to involve your family in or allow your kids to be a part of should be filtered through the crucial element of emphasizing what the Bible says.