



Little Churches
Joshua 24:15
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“...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”
-Joshua 24:15

I. FAMILIES AS “LITTLE CHURCHES”

- The husband/father is to disciple his family (Eph. 5:25-30, 6:4; 1 Cor. 14:35).
- If Dad is absent or not in Christ Mom is to disciple her family (2 Tim. 1:5).
- All Christians can be part of a “little church” (Matt. 12:48-50).
- All Christians are to be devoted to worship, discipleship, fellowship, service and evangelism (Acts 2:42-47).
- Focusing on God and the gospel motivates us (2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Titus 2:11-14).

II. FIVE PRIORITIES IN “LITTLE CHURCHES”

- Husbands/dads are to lead by example the five priorities *in* their families and *with* their families (Joshua 24:15).
- Families are to worship together (Rom. 12:1-2; Joshua 24:15).
- Families are to grow together (2 Pet. 3:18; Joshua 24:15).
- Families are to connect together (Heb. 10:23-25; Joshua 24:15).
- Families are to serve together (1 Peter 4:10; Joshua 24:15).
- Families are to share together (Matt. 28:19-20; Joshua 24:15).
- What obstacles are we going to remove from our lives and/or schedules so that we will be healthy and balanced in these five priorities?
- Church elders are to lead in their own lives and to help equip others.

KNOW: Christian families are to be as it were, “little churches” with the husband/father leading the way. All Christians are to strive to be healthy and balanced in worship, grow, connect, serve and share.

DO: Be motivated by the gospel to strive to be healthy and balanced in worship, grow, connect, serve and share. Remove any obstacles in your life and/or schedule that keeps you from being healthy and balanced in these five priorities.

Suggested Reading:

Family Worship by Donald S. Whitney

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Joshua 24:15

1. What did you find most practical and helpful from the sermon?
2. Whether you are married with children in the home or other, what are you specifically doing on your own and with others to be healthy and balanced in worship, grow, connect, serve and share? Cover each priority.
3. Why and how does focusing on who God is and the gospel motivate us to serve God and others in these five priorities? Give specific examples.
4. Why is it such a blessing to wives, children, the church and the world when husbands/fathers are healthy and balanced in these priorities, they model them, and their families are healthy and balanced in these priorities? Be specific.
5. What obstacles are you going to remove from your life and/or schedule so that you will be healthy and balanced in these five priorities? Be specific.
6. Seek help from your pastors/elders to be equipped in these priorities.