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**Purposeful Parenting**  
Connecting Church and Family  
Deut.6:7

## Missional Living for the Family

Question worth pondering: *Why does your family exist?*

Maybe this question reworded could sound something like this: *What's your family's purpose?*

I think it's interesting while applying these questions to ourselves as individuals, we get all spiritual, passionate, goal driven, and more. Then why the pause when the question is applied to family? Or even worse, if the word answers that come to mind are anything like: survive, make it through the day, or to be happy, maybe we have veered a bit.

It would be worthwhile to apply to same discipleship mandate that Jesus gave to his disciples to our families.

*Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

*Mark 16:15 And he said to them. "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.<sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

Here are some questions for your families to think through together, as we all strive to be the kind of Jesus followers that are actually being shaped by the words of Jesus.

Both commissions have a command to "go into the world".

- a. Is your family actively looking at ways to know about, pray for, and go into all layers of "the world" (local, national, global)?
- b. What are the unique talents, qualities, and opportunities that your family possesses? What are your family's natural rhythms of life that could act as missional on-ramps into the community?
- c. If you pulled out your calendar together as a family, what does it tell you regarding what your family values most? If it is not the passion to know Christ and make HIM known, how could you adjust your schedule?

**-Matt Newman, Mosaic Family Pastor & Outposts Leader**

# Family Tool Box

## Resources on family missional living

### Books

[Let the Nations be Glad!](#) - (John Piper) the Supremacy of God in Missions

[Radical Together](#) - (David Platt) Unleashing the People of God for the Purpose of God

[Window on the World](#) - kids' version of Operation World

[Zowie! 200+ Ministries Kids Can Do](#) - full of hands-on activities to teach kids about missional living and putting others first.

[Kids Praying For Kids](#) - (Franklin Graham) monthly prayer journal teaching and guiding children in world prayer by bringing them alongside true stories from children of other cultures.

### Articles

[Becoming a Mission Minded Family](#)

[Finding Missional Purpose as a Family](#)

[Becoming a Family on Mission](#)

### Websites

[Weave Family](#) - engaging, equipping, and connecting believers worldwide to their most strategic role in completing the Great Commission.

[WindowKids](#) - interactive magazine dedicated to educating the next generation on the 10/40 window.

## What's Happening?

### Calendar of Events: August-September

August 16: **Family Ministry Training**, for all leaders birth through high school

August 16: **Student Parent Quarterly**, 5pm (JH families) and 8pm (HS families)

September 6: **Next Gen**, junior high students worship with families

September 13: **Baby Dedication**, both services

## Stay Connected



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Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- Deuteronomy 6:7