

# The Family

Week 2 – April 18, 2021

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:12; Matthew 5:14-16**

*Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!*

**Share:** Think about incredible mentors and parents who offered a vision for you and your family (or future family). What was your favorite memory or moment with them and why?

**Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:12; and Matthew 5:14-16 together:** Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

## **Discuss the following context:**

In week two of this series, we have Dave and Ann Wilson teaching about parenting and sharing their recently released book “No More Perfect Parents”. Dave and Ann said the secrets of parenting (or leading others) is focusing on the RIGHT BULLSEYE. Consider some of the targets we often focus on for our family and our children. Have you felt the weight of not being perfect or not living up to the standard you set in your mind? Dave and Ann’s target is to “Train and Launch L3 Warriors, who make a dent where they are sent!” (L3 refers to the values Love, Lock, and Live). What do you think about that target? How does it challenge you to think about the values and the target for your family?

## **Share your thoughts about following questions:**

1. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 talks about teaching your children as you go about your day. Consider how we could apply this verse to our life.
  - a. What are some of the opportunities we have to encourage and lead our families well in our every day moments? What might we need to change to be more present to do this?
  - b. Dave and Ann mentioned that “you cannot give away what you do not have.” How can you grow in your relationship with God so that as moments happen throughout the day you can be present?
2. Often, we have experiences that we want to change from our childhood. Ephesians 6:12 and John 10:10 talks about the struggles of life. What are the struggles in your families you would like to change for the future generations? How would changing those legacies impact your family?
3. Dave and Ann spoke about having an impact or “making a dent where we are sent.” Matthew 5:14-16 describes being a city on a hill and shining a light.
  - a. In what ways can you do this in your neighborhoods, workplaces and families?
  - b. What are the values you desire to grow as you lead your family and the community around you?
  - c. What would it look like for you to shine your values and your light in the places you are currently strategically placed?

**Pray together:** Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Thank God that He is our perfect Father and that He can lead us in our imperfection. Ask God what values He is challenging you to grow in and become as a family. Ask God to give you direction on the bullseye that could become a vision for your family! May Jesus lead us in the full life that He offers us, our families and the places where we have been sent.