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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Family Discipleship by Matt Chandler & Adam Griffin

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Family Discipleship was co-authored by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin. At the time this book was authored, both men served at the Village Church in Dallas, Texas; Matt as lead pastor, and Adam, as pastor of spiritual formation.

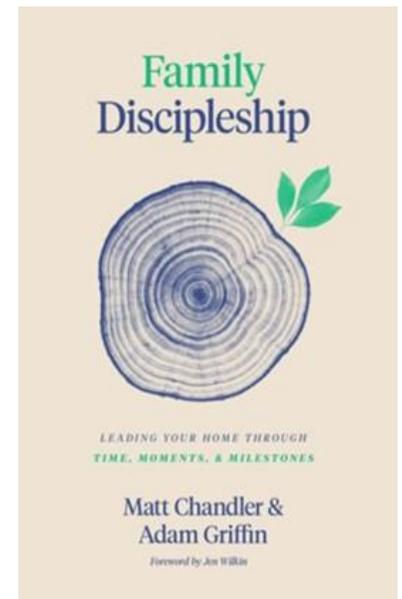
Family Discipleship encourages parents to develop intentional opportunities to disciple their children. The authors unpack three basic discipling categories: time, moments, and milestones. The category of "time" underscores the need to carve out time for teaching from God's Word and prayer. Parentally, the most helpful and encouraging take-away of this very important time in the life of your family, was that the structure can vary widely. Too often we think family devotions must be formal, structured, thirty-minute events in the living room with everyone's undivided attention. Instead, the authors encourage parents to make it a priority, but make it fit your family schedule (and attention span).

In the "moments" category, parents are encouraged to take advantage of everyday events to share God's character and encourage growth in godliness. Finally, in the "milestone" category, "make" and "mark" significant growth events in the spiritual development of your children. Note and celebrate these events as a family.

Read this book, whether you're a parent or grandparent, to get very helpful and practical ideas on how to capture everyday opportunities to disciple your children.

Note: This book is available from Amazon, where the summary states: "Filled with suggestions, sample plans, and Scripture references... this book equip(s) you to create a unique plan for your family as you raise your children in the love and fear of the Lord."

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Today, Wednesday February 10—Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm; Family Night classes @ 6:00 pm**
- **Today, Wednesday February 10—Council meeting @ 7:45 pm**
- **Sunday, February 14—Worship @ 9:15 am, Sunday School @ 10:30 am/Matt & Evangeline Dodd to join us for worship!**

Bethel Updates . . .

UPDATE

A new Life Group is starting in March.

We are asking God to pull together 8-14 adults that would commit to a new Life group with the plan that out of this group some other Life groups could be started in the coming Fall of this year. The group will function as a group that encourages and cares for each other while pursuing God with accountability. The group will also spend time learning and practicing the skills of leading small groups. Don and Sue Whipple will lead the group. It will meet every other week, hopefully 10-12 times over the Spring and Summer. Meeting day and time will be agreed on after we identify who will be in the group. Please contact Pastor Don if you have interest in or questions about being a part of this group. A brief information and organizational meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 7 immediately after Sunday School in the Family Center. Plan to come and learn more about this opportunity.

Concerning the offering.

Just a reminder and update regarding giving at Bethel. For the past 2 months our offerings have been down significantly. Between COVID caution and a snow cancelation we didn't meet on 3 Sundays in recent weeks. We thank God for his generous provision and just mention this as a reminder to our church family. Thanks so much for your faithful giving which supports both local and global gospel ministry here at Bethel.

Associate Pastor search proceeds.

As you are aware, our search committee has been interacting with Matt and Vange Dodd for several months regarding a pastoral position here at Bethel. They live in Louisville where Matt is a student at Southern Seminary. The Dodd's will be at Bethel again this Sunday for another informal visit. They will spend some time interacting with the elders Saturday evening and Matt will teach the teen class Sunday morning. This is still 'informal' in that we are still deciding if we believe God is leading us to begin the more formal interviews and references to be considered before the elders would be prepared to recommend a process of approval by the congregation. Please continue to pray for the Dodd's, the elders and the search committee in this important process.

PRAYER CONCERNS

McNabney family: Pray for Bill and the rest of the family as they grieve the earthly loss of Linda. What a beautiful testimony that was shared at the memorial service! Pray for God's peace during the coming days.

Dennis Zahora: Dennis is home after surgery for his broken hip from a fall on the ice. Pray for healing in his body, and for Pam as she cares for Dennis.

Brad Garling: Continue in prayer for Brad as he is back in the hospital again this week. Pray for wisdom for the doctors. Pray for God to guard Brad's mind and to give him that peace which passes all understanding.

Caleb Leman: Thanks for your continued prayers for Caleb and his family. Caleb was recently diagnosed with MS. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they find the proper medications for him. Pray for Kayla as she continues to care for him and the children.

Paul & Jean Biggers: Paul and Jean (missionaries which BBC supports) both came down with Covid in late January. Neither got it serious enough to need hospitalization, but it has certainly slowed them down! Pray for their strength to return. Jean has also had a fractured right shoulder, which has taken around 12 weeks to heal. She was previously scheduled for surgery to repair her hip, but that had to be postponed until her mended shoulder could support her hip rehab, which includes being on crutches for several weeks. Pray for her surgery to be able to get scheduled soon, so that she can begin the healing process on her hip. To read the full update, check out the Missionary Wall.

