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We also believe that discipleship does not originate in the church. Discipleship begins in the home. God created the family to be the primary center for discipleship--not the children’s ministry, the student ministry, or the church in general. In the context of discipleship the Church and its ministries are in place to equip and enhance the discipleship in the home. When a family has a child they are adding to their family but when a family discipled a child they are multiplying the Kingdom of God. (*Deuteronomy 6:5-7*)

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