

# GOD-CENTERED FAMILY FIRST

Family Checkup | 11.27-28.2021

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Proverbs are to be read and applied as principles - how things are meant to work, not as promises that things will work out that way. We get the opportunity to learn from these principles as we take a moment to check up on our families and our priorities.

## » Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

## » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: How do you feel about going to the dentist/doctor?
- Digging Deeper: What is something you know you need to stay on top of, but it's too easy to let it slide? Why is that?

## » Observation | Read Proverbs 22:6; 6:20; 11:29

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

## » Key Principle | Let this season bring your family hope, not hurt.

(12 minutes)

- Who do you consider your family to be? In your mind, what qualifies these people to be your family?
- In an ideal situation, what does "God-Centered and Family First" look like?

## » Boomerang Parenting | Reread Proverbs 22:6

(12 minutes)

- How has this verse been misinterpreted or abused from its original meaning and application?
- Who is someone from a younger generation that you have influence with? How can you intentionally engage with them in a positive way?

## » Teachable Children | Reread Proverbs 6:20

(12 minutes)

- How often do you feel like you are just assuming the worst with your family and trying to get away with something rather than giving them respect and the benefit of the doubt? What can you do to assume the best and be respectful of your family members?

## » Discerning Families | Reread Proverbs 11:29

(12 minutes)

- What is a priority in your life or in your family that might be distracting you from things that should be priorities? What can you do to reprioritize your life and your family's to be "God-Centered and Family First?"

## » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- This time of the year can be easy to fall into the "comparison trap," trying to live up to the expectations of others. What expectations do you need to release to help you be "God-Centered and Family First?"
- Close by praying for each other to intentionally let some things that really don't matter go so you have time for God and family.