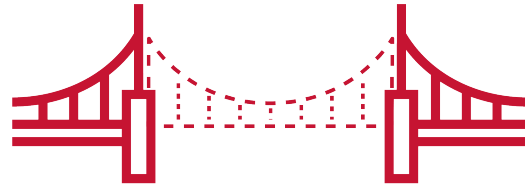


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BRIDGE THE GAP

missions month 2020

"MISSIONS BEGINS AT HOME"

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PSALM 127:1-5a

CORE STATEMENT: If we don't value the Great Commission in our homes and to our family, then we don't value the Great Commission, period!

INSIGHT: The truest indicator you and I are Great Commission people is the involvement of our families in missions.

BIG IDEA: *"We tend to ghetto God into a couple of hours on the weekend, but God doesn't want to rule in our lives a couple of hours on the weekend, while we sit in church; God wants to be the Lord and ruler of every dimension of our lives."* –J.D. Greer

INSIGHT: The Lordship of Jesus is seen in the daily living rather than in church attendance.

TRUTH: I am not a gospel-centered Christian till mine is a gospel-centered home.

TRUTH: Raising up the next generation is not just to parents... but to the Christian community at large.

I. LOVE ISN'T ENOUGH.

TRUTH: A good parent needs not only the heart of God but also the wisdom of God.

INSIGHT: Most of the explicit parenting passages in the Bible were written to men!

REALITY: Many men in the average church show no initiative in their families.

REALITY: If we showed the same initiative in our work as we do with our family, we'd be out of a job!

TRUTH: Men, our family is our first responsibility; family is our weightiest job; family is the first thing we will give an account to God for and our most important mission field.

II. DAD CARRIES THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION THE GOSPEL.

INSIGHT: An inheritance is what you leave behind for future generations.

TRUTH: Dads, you first and then mothers... the most important work you have is to teach your sons and daughters the gospel that they might teach a generation yet to be born.

INSIGHT: The gospel is to saturate the home. That's always been God's intent if the next generation is to be saved.

TRUTH: The home is the place where kids will see the gospel lived out.

TRUTH: Men, your home is where you teach your sons what sin is and who God is.

III. GOD GIVES US KIDS TO PREP FOR HIS MISSION.

TRUTH: Sadly, more Christian parents value getting their kids ahead with the world than taking them deep into God (Psalm 127:4).

Why did God give you those kids? "God gave you children, son and daughter of God, THAT you might let them go to serve God's mission on earth, whatever role He's given them to play in it!"