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What's Family Got To Do With It?

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INTRODUCTION

According to Pastor Reggie Joiner, most people believe in the potential of the **church** to impact their kids and most churches believe it should be the **family** that impacts their kids. However, the reality is that most kids who grow up in Christian homes and churches abandon their faith by the time they get to college and university. So what's the solution? The **church** or the **family**? Could it be both?

1. Where you are on your spiritual journey? How did you get there?

Read Psalm 78:1-8 (read further if you like – it has 72 verses).

2. Asaph, who wrote this Psalm, was a worship leader at the temple in Jerusalem. He wrote this song to remind the people of their salvation story. If there is a song that reflects where you are with God, or where you've come from, what would it be?
3. Describe what you think this Psalm is about.
4. According to the Psalmist, why is it important for past and present generations to tell the next generation?
5. Describe your family of origin. What kind of faith was modeled there? How that did impact you? How did your family and your faith-community partner together to pass on the faith to you?

MOVING FORWARD

Someone has said that Christianity is only one generation away from extinction. If you are a parent, what are you doing to intentionally impress the "praiseworthy deeds" of the Lord onto your kids? If you are a grandparent or if you have no children what do you do to encourage and equip parents? Read Psalm 78:72. How did David become a spiritual and moral champion? In your small group, brainstorm a) ways that the church can assist parents and b) ways the family can assist the church to reach future generations. Take time to pray for your kids, grandkids, neighbourhood kids, and future generations.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Deuteronomy 6:6-7