



Family Discipleship Tip #2: GOSPEL CENTERED

If we were taking a quiz, and the question read: “What is the Gospel”, we could likely come up with a pretty good answer. But how does this answer find a way into the everyday life of a family? If being a GOSPEL CENTERED family is the goal, we all need a little help in getting there. We would need to change our family rhythms. This means that every decision, conflict, prayer time, budget, and more comes through the lens of how the GOSPEL has redeemed us. Here are a few tips to becoming a family that is GOSPEL CENTERED.

1) Become GOSPEL FLUENT

There is a big difference between knowing some Spanish words and being fluent in Spanish.

- a. Does your family have a working definition of the Gospel? Write one down and practice it as a family (example: *God saves sinners through Jesus.*)
- b. Have 3-5 verses that center on the Gospel that your family memorizes, practices, frames, and applies. (examples: Romans 6:23; Mark 16:15-16; 1 Cor. 15:3-4)

2) Pick your Moments

Fluency doesn't happen overnight...yet you won't be GOSPEL CENTERED without it. Answer? Practice.

- a. Commit as parents/leaders of the home to speak the Gospel in discipline and instruction moments.
- b. Keep meals sacred. Sit down as a family at dinner and practice speaking the Gospel to each other. When kids have issues at school, try as a family to come up with GOSPEL CENTERED responses that will 1) encourage your family 2) give students an effective response.

3) **Pray**

This is isn't easy, and can only find life through the Holy Spirit.

- a. Commit to pray the GOSPEL over and for each other.
- b. Give each other grace through prayer. Changing expectations and language means there will be bumps along the way. Commit to the process of learning together, as you pray the GOSPEL takes root in your family's life.