

## **Helping Men Tell Their Faith Story to Their Family**

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### **Why is This Important to Us?**

- ◆ Important to pass on the faith to kids.
- ◆ It's a powerful tool for communicating the love of Jesus.
- ◆ Children who have fathers who are active in the church are likely to remain involved in the church themselves.
- ◆ Kids need to see that faith is alive in their parents.
- ◆ We sometimes find it hard to be consistent with family devotions at home.

### **Assets on Which to Build**

- ◆ Love of telling stories.
- ◆ We've had examples (fathers, grandfathers....) who were influential in our faith walk.
- ◆ Favorite stories – The day kids were born, bible stories, stories about the “olden” days, children's sermons.
- ◆ Children's sermons, Sunday School – gives kids an opportunity to interest and to learn through visual means.
- ◆ Story telling can provide a new way to make family devotions meaningful to kids.

### **Other Discussion of Significance**

- ◆ Perhaps, in order to communicate or verbalize our faith story to our children, we need to think about and understand our own personal faith story.
- ◆ There seems to be more and more demands of our time that compete with time spent with our children.
- ◆ Unfortunately, Wednesdays no longer seem to be reserves by school and sports activities as a “church night.”
- ◆ When it comes to prioritizing our time, the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment still stands. “You shall have no other gods.”

**Recommendations**

- ◆ Maybe put a discussion question or two in worship bulletin to give dads an opportunity to discuss the children's sermon with a child.
- ◆ Develop an active Men's group in the church.
- ◆ Provide training for young fathers to be good Christian parents.