



## Family Values

## Part 1: Thinking Generationally



### CONVERSATION GUIDE



### SMALL GROUPS

The **Family Values** series shows us that family is a place of spiritual formation where values are planted that impact entire generations. God does not think only about today; He thinks about what is to come—what will remain when we are no longer here. Thinking generationally means making decisions today that honor God and bless our children, grandchildren, and those who will come after us.

**Matthew 7:24–27** teaches us that true legacy is not built on good intentions, but on obedient decisions repeated over time. In the context of family, this means our homes are strengthened when the Word of God becomes our daily foundation. A family that thinks generationally chooses to build on the rock, even when it requires effort, consistency, and long-term faith.

**Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.**

**Matthew 7:24–27 (NLT)**



### TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Jesus, how does this illustration reflect the way we are building our families?
2. What kinds of “storms” can test the foundation of a home today?

3. **Psalm 127:1 (NLT)** says: *“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.”*— What does it mean, in practical terms, to allow the Lord to be the one who builds our home?
4. What decisions we make today could have a direct impact on the faith and values of the next generation?

## A kingdom family thinks generationally.

### MAKE IT PRACTICAL

We are all building something, so build something generational:

- **Check the foundation:** This week, take a moment to honestly evaluate your home. Where are you investing more time and energy—on what is urgent or on what is eternal?
- **Build on the Word:** Choose a specific moment to place God’s Word back at the center of your home—reading a passage, praying together, or having a short reflection.
- **Repeat the process:** Don’t look for immediate results. Decide on a simple spiritual practice you can sustain over time (daily prayer, a family devotional, attending church together).

### PRAYER

“Lord, today we choose to build our home on Your Word and not on the sand of this world. Give us wisdom to think beyond the present and faith to sow obedience that will bear fruit in future generations. Build our house, transform our hearts, and make our family a reflection of Your Kingdom. Amen.”

### TIPS

- Don’t get discouraged if you don’t see immediate change; generational building is a process, not an event.
- Spiritual consistency is more powerful than occasional moments of enthusiasm.
- Allow God to work in you first; faith is modeled more than it is taught.



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