

New Life Fellowship Family Ministry

5 Family Values

This is New Life's Family Ministries Strategy for families. Five things parents can focus on to lead their kids into a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Family Value #1- Widen the Circle

Pursue strategic relationships for your kids.

- The goal is to pursue strategic relationships so another adult voice will be speaking into your child's life, saying the things you would try to say as a parent.
- **Connect** your kid to a NL Kids or Youth Small Group.

Family Value #2- Imagine the End

Focus your priorities on what matters most.

- Distinguish between what matters and what matters most.
- What I give **to** my children or what I do **for** my children is not as important as what I leave **in** them.
- What matters most: Our kids pursuit of their relationship with God, character, etc.
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *The Shema*
- **IDEAS**- You want your children to:
 - Become people who pursue a relationship with God.
 - Become people who love others they way God does.
 - Become people who see themselves the way God sees them.

Family Value #3- Fight for the Heart (EHS Skills)

Communicate in a style that gives the relationship value.

- Use EHS skills as different ways to communicate with your kids
 - Incarnation listening
 - Community Temperature Reading
- Communicate in love.
- Rules in the context of a loving relationship. Not just rules.
- Fighting *with* your child vs. fighting *for* your child

Family Value #4- Create a Rhythm (through a Family Rule of Life)

Increase the quantity of quality time you spend together.

- Family Rule of Life
 - Prayer
 - Rest
 - Relationships (*Deut. 6- Morning Time, Bed Time, Meal Time, Drive Time*)
 - Work
- Communicate in love.
- Rules in the context of a loving relationship. Not just rules.
- Fighting *with* your child vs. fighting *for* your child

Family Value #5- Make It Personal

Put yourself first when it comes to personal growth.

- Monastic- "being before doing"
- Spending time alone with God
- Developing a Personal Rule of Life