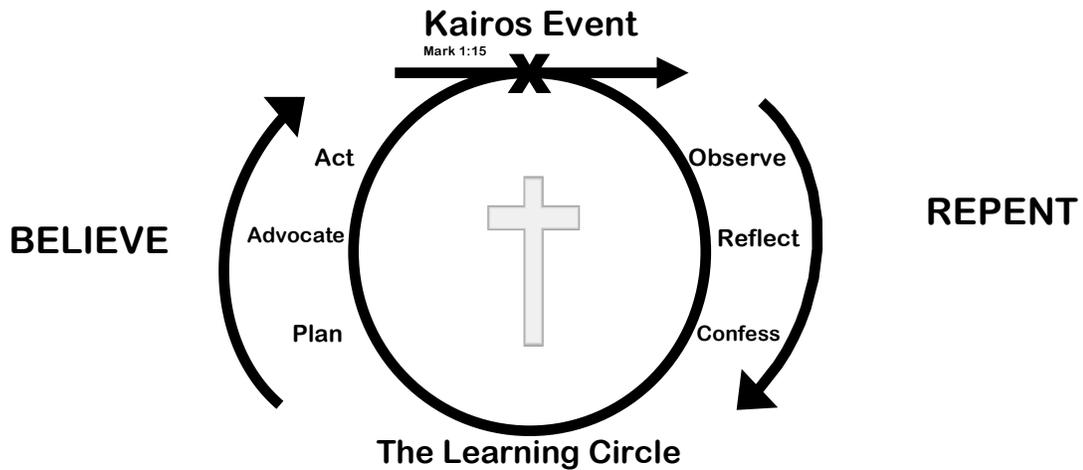


DEVELOPING A FAMILY MISSION STATEMENT & PLAN



Begin with prayer, asking the Lord for wisdom, insight, and understanding as you work together to create a Family Plan.

Observe – Reflect – Discuss/Confess:

- As you think of your marriage and family, what things do you find particularly challenging, affirming, or raising questions for you?

- Consider your values. Which values are common to you both? Which would you identify as your family's values?

- Where have you been as a family? Outline key events, successes, and accomplishments you have experienced.

- What common causes, accomplishments, ideals, hopes, dreams have you encountered that stir your heart(s).

- Look at your current resources, callings, passions, and dreams. What is your *real life* situation (children, marriage, career, aspirations, relationships, friends, finances, education, spiritual maturity, physical/health condition)?

What challenges, opportunities, obstacles, prospects, & events are on your horizon as a family?

- What do you think God is saying to you as a family? Do you need to make some changes, redirect your path, identify or recommit to your purpose, celebrate God's grace?

Plan: As you envision your family's future and impact, how will you bring it about?

- *Your Family Mission:* Begin work to formulate or revise a Family Mission Statement (a brief, concise statement of the unique purpose of your family's life). It should be 25 words or less, and it may not be fully developed at this time. It is a way that each of you can identify yourself and your contribution to the wellbeing of the family and to God's calling for your family. It summarizes questions such as:

- Who are we as a family?
- How do we want to be known?
- Where is God leading us?
- What difference does it make?

- **Write out your *Family Mission Statement* or statement of purpose below:**

Get an Advocate/Be Accountable:

- *Goals:* In light of your Family Mission Statement choose two areas of focus from the following list. Identify **two goals** for your family **for each of the two areas** you identify.

Marriage	Children	Career
Christian Service/Mission	Aspirations	Relationships
Friends	Finances	Education
Spiritual maturity	Physical wellbeing/health	Other _____

Area 1	Area 2
Goal	Goal
Goal	Goal

- *Trade-offs:* As a family we admit that tradeoffs can be expected. Some we anticipate. Others will rise up but will not surprise us. Two that we anticipate are:

1. _____

2. _____

Discuss your methods of solving tradeoff issues. Each express to the other how you feel about this approach. Consider ways to modify your methods, if necessary.

- *Family Action Plan:* Use the worksheets provided to set some action steps toward realizing these goals.
- *Support & Accountability:* As a family we acknowledge we need support, wisdom, guidance and accountability to and from others. Who are those to whom we will turn and on whom we will depend?

Our Circle of Support:

- *Going Public:* Our commitment will be strengthened as we share it with others. Others will be encouraged to turn their vision to action as well. What is our plan for “going public”?

Act:

- Choose a time and place to revisit your action plans and assess your progress regularly. **Pray** for God’s guidance and blessing as you seek to fulfill your purpose as a family.



FAMILY ACTION PLAN WORKSHEET

Goal:

Why do we want this?

Who will provide support?

Steps/Milestones toward accomplishment:

1. _____
_____ Due Date _____

2. _____
_____ Due Date _____

3. _____
_____ Due Date _____

4. _____
_____ Due Date _____

Completion Date _____

Alternatives/Adjustments/Options:
