

Leadership Group Guide /

for the Leadership Podcast
with Pastor Ariel Marquez

Leadership in the Family

WORD

(20 MINUTES)

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **GENESIS 2:24**

9. . . "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God . . . **REVELATION 21:9,10**

From the first marriage of Adam and Eve in Genesis to the church as the bride of Jesus Christ in Revelation, we can see that marriage and the family are very close to God's heart. Therefore, they must be important to us as well. Family is one of the core values of our ministry. Because we value family, we refuse to sacrifice our marriages and our children on the altars of temporal success. "Temporal success" includes success in and outside the ministry. For leaders, this means prioritizing family over ministry.

There is no one on earth who can be who we are to our families. No one else can be a mother or father to our children, or even a son or daughter to our parents. No one else can so significantly model Christ to our families but us, in whatever situation. We are the best Bible our families can read, and we bring the church to our homes. Therefore, what we do reflect who God is in our lives, whether we are focused on Christ and honoring God or not. His grace and presence in our lives enable us to model biblical humility, forgiveness, and obedience to our families in all aspects of life.

DISCUSSION

(50 MINUTES)

1. How do you choose between the demands of family, work, and ministry? What do you need to do differently to prioritize your family?
2. How can you impart the value of prioritizing the family to those in your Victory group?
3. Think about a Victory group member who is struggling in this area. How can you encourage him or her to model Christ to his or her family in every situation?

PRAYER

(20 MINUTES)

1. Pray for the wisdom to prioritize family over work and ministry, and to be vigilant and adjust accordingly so that your family will not be sacrificed on the altar of temporal success.
2. Pray that you will be able to impart the value of prioritizing family to those in your Victory group, and that they, in turn, will model Christ to their families in every situation.
3. Pray that the families in our church will become more Christ-centered.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.