

The Essential Role of the Family for World Evangelization

THE CURRENT STATE OF PASSING FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

- Thom Rainer's Research

Percentage of Americans who claim to be Christians and can articulate the basic gospel message:

Born before 1946	65%
Born between 1946-1964	35%
Born between 1965-1976	15%
Born between 1976-1994	<u>4%</u>

THREE THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

- God created families to be discipleship centers.
- The biblical purpose of parenting and grandparenting is to impress the hearts of children with a love for God.
- God created the family as a vital engine of world evangelization through the power of multi-generational faithfulness.

A POWER-WALK THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

- The first commandment – Genesis 1:28
- The earth was filled with evil – Genesis 6:5
- Why God chose Abraham – Genesis 18:18-19
- The first commandment for human relationships – Exodus 20:12

- The Great Commandment – Deuteronomy 6:5-7
- Moses' plea to the people – Deuteronomy 32:45-46
- Why God hates divorce – Malachi 2:13-16
- The final words of the Old Testament – Malachi 4:4-6
- The first words of the New Testament – Luke 1:16
- Jesus went against the popular and religious culture of His day and prioritized children – Mark 10:13-16
- The Great Commission echoes the First Commandment – Matthew 28:18-20
- The New Testament church launches with generational vision – Acts 2:38-39
- The biblical job description for fathers – Ephesians 6:4
- A prerequisite for spiritual leadership in the early church was effective spiritual leadership in the home – 1 Timothy 3:4
- No greater joy . . . – 3 John 1:4

PICTURES OF FAMILY THEOLOGY FROM THE REFORMATION

CONCLUSION