



Are We Talking To God?

Dear Group Leader,

There is an old saying that goes, “*A family that prays together stays together!*” It is important that families spend time talking to God together. This can take place around the dinner table, at bed time, or any number of situations. Not only is it important for the family as a whole to pray together, but members of the family need to see each other spending time in prayer alone.

Peace,
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INTRODUCTION

1. What was dinner time like in your house as a child?
2. Was there always a prayer said at that time? What do you remember about those prayers?

THE COMMAND Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1. What do you think Paul means when he writes “*pray continually?*”
2. How would this look in our homes?
3. What kind of effect would this type of continuous prayer have on our lives?

THE EXAMPLE Read Luke 11:1-4

In Tim Elmore’s book, Soul Provider, he writes, “...spiritual leadership is about understanding that you are being imitated as you imitate God, in Christ.”

1. Why do you think the disciples were so interested in Jesus’ prayer life?
2. Tim Elmore goes on to write, “Children almost always look like their parents.” If that is the case, then how can we be sure that they ultimately look like Christ?
3. What are some things that we can learn from the prayer life of Jesus?

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK Read Matthew 7:7-11

1. What kind of picture does Jesus paint of God in this passage?
2. What types of things should we be praying for in our families?



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FINAL THOUGHTS

1. Spend some time discussing some practical ways that we can improve the prayer life of our families.