Faith @ Home Family Discussion Guide - "As For Me and My House..."



Scripture: Joshua 24: 14 – 15

"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in truth... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

# **Opening Prayer:**

With whomever you are gathered, we encourage you to **begin your time with prayer**. Pray that the Lord open your heart to hearing from Him and guide your time as you study the scriptures. You can use the following as a guide or pray whatever God lays on your heart.

"Lord, thank you for giving us the gift of family, be that those we are gathered together with today or the church family we worship with scattered across our area. Thank you for the opportunity we have to serve You. Help us to understand Your Word and apply it to our lives as we study today. Amen."

### **Read & Memorize:**

#### Read aloud Joshua 24:14-15:

"<sup>14</sup> Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and do away with the gods which your fathers served beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> But if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served, which were beyond the Euphrates River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

#### Memorize:

Joshua 24:15b – "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

# **Discussion Questions:**

#### **General Discussion:**

- What does "serve the Lord with sincerity and truth" mean to you personally?
- What "other gods", or distractions, might compete for your devotion today?
- What are some ways you can demonstrate "serve the Lord" in your everyday life?
- How can we make decisions together (as a family) that reflect our commitment to God?
- If someone looked at you, your friend group, your family, etc... what priorities would be evident?
- Are there any changes you need to make so that your life truly reflects Joshua's statement, "...we will serve the Lord"?

### **Kid-Friendly Questions:**

- What does it look like to love God and try to follow Him every day?
- Is there something in your life that can seem more important than God (ex: screens; sports; friends; relationships; etc.)?
- What are ways we can show we love God at home; at school; at work; with our friends?
- When we have choices to make, how can we remember to ask, "What choice honors God?"
- If someone were watching you (your family) for a week, what do you think they would say is most important in your life?
- Is there anything we need to change or do better so our home shows we choose to follow God?

### **Action Steps -**



- Choose one practical way to serve God this week. This could be together as a family or as an individual (ex: pray for someone in need, volunteer; etc.)
- Conclude your time today saying the words of Joshua aloud (together with whomever you are gathered).

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## **Closing Prayer**

With whomever you are gathered, **close your time with prayer**. Pray that the study of God's word would work towards inward transformation and outward action. You can use the following as a guide or pray whatever God lays on your heart.

"Lord, help us to live out our commitment to You every day. May our home be a place where You are honored and loved. Amen."