

# modern family

**Milestones- October 1, 2017**

**Follow up from last week:**

Tell about a "moment" that you recognized this week.

**Scripture Text**

Deuteronomy 6:4-19, 1 Peter 3:15, Galatians 5:22-23, Mark 10:35-45

**Connect**

If you could relive one day of your life over and over again, which would you choose? If you could make it so one day of life never happened, which would you choose?

What stood out to you from the message this week?

**Engage**

**Family discipleship moments are** marking and making occasions to celebrate and commemorate significant spiritual milestones of God's work in the life of the family and child. In our culture we celebrate many milestones (birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc). Ceremonies, rituals, traditions: these are all common around milestones. If you line graphed your life, milestones would be your highs and lows. A family discipleship milestone is an event or change that is so significant, that is worthy of recurring reflection. It could be something that brings back joy (birth of a child) to remember or something that brings up difficulty or pain to think back on (loss of a loved one). What they will all have in common is that they will all be experiences that bear witness to God's faithfulness. Milestones are not the only points when a family should be discipling, but should definitely be part of the plan to see your kids brought up in the Lord.

What jumps out to you about this paragraph?

How do milestones "widen the circle" of relationships for your children?

What are the most profoundly joyful or wonderful things that you have ever done or that have happened to you? How do you see God in them?

**Read Genesis 9:12-17 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

What is going on in these stories? What is the event?

How are these events marked?

You can see from these and there are plenty others that milestones often include a physical reminder. Can you think of some items, rituals, or places that serve as reminders to you of God's faithfulness in your life?

Did you have any family traditions growing up that you'd love to see continue in your family? Do you have any family traditions that could be better leveraged for a Christian purpose?

What are some common "rites of passage" you can think of for boys and girls in our society? What are some common or unique "rites of passage" you might consider for your own child?