

Conversation Starters

- What was family life like before COVID-19?
- What is family life like right now?

Discuss

No matter what your situation (good or bad) might be like, COVID-19 has probably got you thinking about your family and family life like never before – rethinking, reimagining, revisioning. One thing that could make the most difference in family life now and for the future is vision, and when the Bible talks about vision, the idea is to have God's vision.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." ([Proverbs 29:18 KJV](#))

Example: Jim & Susan's Family Vision:

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| ❖ Peaceful home | ❖ Marked by serving |
| ❖ Learning as a lifestyle | ❖ Character |
| ❖ Christ in the family | ❖ Mutual Respect |

- What is your vision for your family now or in the future?
- Is it clear enough to really work like a target on the wall?
- How are you expanding that vision as you grow older?

Once you have vision, you have to then let the vision inform the choices you make about family life and activity and budget, etc. For example, because Jim and Susan had learning as a lifestyle in their vision, they homeschooled their kids.

- What purposeful, conscious choices can be made now to work towards fulfilling your vision?
- Do your choices require you to make any sacrifices?

The heart of a family is marriage. Your family will never be stronger than the marriage. As you grow older in age, there's also an opportunity to grow deeper in love that shouldn't be missed and will continually shape your family.

- Whether single or already married, do you have a vision for marriage?
- How can you keep romance alive and growing?

Next Steps

Create a vision for your family this week. Here are some questions to help start your thinking:

- What is important to you?
- Where do you want to be in a year? In five years? In ten years?

Meck Institute Class: [Exploring Homeschooling Online](#)

Further Reflection

Read [Proverbs 29:18](#).

Pray

God, this pandemic we are in has brought family life to the top of our thinking. As we rethink the vision for what that looks like, we recognize that a vision without You is not much of a vision at all. How we have been living up until now may not be what we or, more importantly, You have intended. You know better than any of us what we were meant to be and how to live. Help us to grasp a clear sense of Your vision for family, and give us wisdom to make the choices that will help us flesh that vision out.