Welcome to the final week of our Modern Family series!

Last week we established that **your home is a training ground**.

Today, we're going to nail down that **your home is also a launch pad**.

**Psalm 127:1-5 NIV**

[1] Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. [2] In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat---for he grants sleep to those he loves. [3] Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. [4] Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. [5] Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

From this passage we see...

- Kids are a gift.
- They're only ours temporarily.
- We get to launch them into the world.

We often say in purpose driven church circles that...

**A great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment will grow a great church.**

That's based on Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus told the church to go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and teaching them. That's the Great Commission.

And the Great Commandment is in Matthew 22:37-40 and it says we're commanded to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds and love our neighbors as ourselves.

**A great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment will grow a great family.**
That is, when you’re a family on mission together, you love Jesus together. You love each other. You love your neighbors together. And you want your family as a whole and everybody in it to bring more people to Jesus.

5 Ways to Live on Mission Together as a Family

1. See the world together, and notice all the people.

Jesus often took the disciples the long way around so they’d see the fields of harvest and realize the deep, deep needs of humanity.

We took my daughter to Belize two years ago for the first time. I’ll never forget the day we left and said goodbye to all the kids, seeing the big crocodile tears in her eyes.

Our kids’ hearts need to broken over the brokenness of other people, and that starts with them seeing our hearts broken first.

2. Practice loving your neighbors together.

Not just each other. And not just people you think might be easy to love. Love everybody together! How to do this...

- See what people could be.
- Say what you see.
- Serve people well.

This week, we’re asking you to do two things...

1) Join a small group.
2) Join a Serve Day team, as a family.

3. Develop your generosity together.

There’s tremendous power in talking about your giving together as a family, on at least three levels...
1. We tithe, as a family. We give God the first and best.
2. We find special causes and give above and beyond the tithe.
3. We practice random acts of generosity together.

We want our kids to be financially stable and successful, right? So we try to help them create habits from childhood onward like restricting their spending, living under a budget, and saving for the future.

The same is true of giving. We can teach them early.

*My childhood friend who got $2 per week and had to give $1 to Jesus... 50% is a bit much!! :) But I was getting $10 or $15 per week for doing chores and blew it all on baseball cards and car stereo equipment.*

4. Go to war for and with your family on your knees.

Ever heard *the family that prays together stays together?* It’s obviously not a universally true statement, but there’s a lot of truth in the statement.

The next generation needs us praying *for* them like never before.

And they also need us praying *with* them.

5. Release your kids for significant impact.

There are three basic levels at which most people in the world live...

1. Survival - we’re getting by.
2. Success - we’re doing pretty well.
3. Significance - we’re making a difference around us.

Most of us have dreams for our kids that stop at level 2. We want them to marry someone who isn’t abusive or an idiot and has a good job. And we want them to finish college, get married, get good jobs, and THEN have babies.

But is that all there is to life? Financial stability? No, there’s WAY MORE!

*Let’s pray, right now, for the next generation!*