

1. Influence of secular or pagan culture on families

- a) Genesis 16:1-3
- b) Genesis 35:1-4
- c) 1 Kings 11:1-4 (see also Ezra 10:1-2)
- d) What are some aspects of the culture where you live which are in direct opposition to the teachings of the Word of God?
- e) Share something you abandoned when you discovered it was a product of your culture rather than something directed by the Word of God

2. Hold on to what is good

- a) 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
- b) Read the story of Cornelius. Acts 10:1-8, 9-16, 17-23, 24-28, 34-35, 11:18 What changes did Peter and the other disciples need to make in response to the revelation of God regarding Cornelius and his family?
- c) What did the apostle Paul decide to hold on to that was good, while letting go of much that he once cherished? Philippians 3:3-11; 1 Corinthians 2:2

3. Dealing with change as families of faith

- a) How did these families of faith deal with major changes in their lives?
 - i) Genesis 12:1-5
 - ii) Esther 2:5-11
 - iii) John 2:1-5
 - iv) John 11:1-3

- b) What are some major changes you have experienced in your family?
- c) What are some practical ways we can assist and encourage other families of faith who are going through times of transition?

4. Finding a personal faith in a family of faith

- a) When we are young, our parents make decisions about our faith journey. Joshua 24:15; 2 Timothy 1:3-5
- b) What are the blessings that come growing up in a family of faith?
- c) Why is it important to discover a personal faith? John 3:16; Romans 10:13; 2 Timothy 1:6-7, 13-14
- d) When did you discover a personal faith and make a personal commitment to Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

5. Sharing your testimony with others

- a) Acts 1:8 Jesus spoke these words both to individuals and families. What are some creative ways your family can share the Good News about Jesus with others who don't yet know Him?
- b) Share a story about a family of faith God has used to encourage you on your spiritual journey.

