

FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

Church Leader Training

FAMILY BASED MINISTRY PROGRAM OVERVIEW



FAMILY LEADERSHIP
INITIATIVE

Facilitator notes will be highlighted. All other materials are included in the participant's guide.



SLIDE 1

Welcome



Say: As families are stretched thin, it causes one to ask how churches help can meet the needs of the family? This session examines the importance of family and how the church can help families thrive.



Share: Share a story that helps participants realize the importance of the topic. Begin by telling a story of when you and your family struggled, needing help. How did the church help or not help?



Ask: Have you ever experienced a similar situation?



SLIDE 2

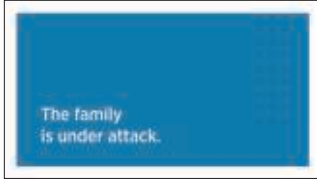


Say: Today we are going to look at how the church can support families through a family based ministry. At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- **Identify the needs of the family.** Page 4
- **Build a program based on relationships.** Page 5
- **Share ways that the church can support the family.** Page 10
- **Recognize necessary resources for implementing an FLI program.** Page 12



Ask: Are you ready to begin?



SLIDE 3

Identifying the Needs of the Family



Say: The family is under attack.



Ask: What issues are making it difficult for families to thrive?



Do: Create a list of issues, writing them on a board. Some issues mentioned by participants may include:

- Divorce
- Adultery
- Drug addiction
- Prostitution
- Domestic abuse
- Negligence



Ask: Is it necessary for the church to help families?



Do: Wait for the answer—YES!



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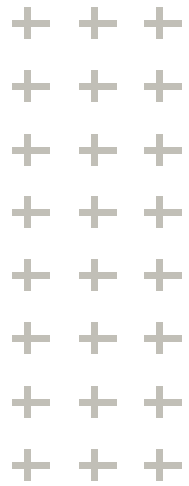


Say: We have a tool that can help minister to our communities and families:

Family Leadership Initiative!

This tool:

- Helps churches accomplish its mission.
- Allows every member to be involved.



Building a Program Based on Relationships

Say: We can be reminded of how Jesus, our Savior, engaged the community.



SLIDE 5

The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"

Source: White, Ellen, G. (2019). "The Ministry of Healing," White Crow Books. Page 143.



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Say: What we learn first is that **Jesus mingled.**

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Say: Second, **Jesus desired their good.**

Say: We live in a selfish world. Often times, people do not care for others. People need to know that we care for them, and we must do it sincerely.



Scripture SUPPORT



Share: Following Jesus' example:

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

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Say: Third, **Jesus showed sympathy.**



Say: Sympathy can be defined as feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune. Once again, we hear God's heart as we read Hosea 11:8:

"How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I set you like Zeboiim?
My heart churns within Me;
My sympathy is stirred."

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Say: Fourth, **Jesus ministered to their needs.**



Say: As we know, sometimes we give what we think is necessary, but the family's reality is different. We must look for ways to supply their real needs.



Share: Jesus did the same:

“So, Jesus answered and said to him, ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ The blind man said to Him, ‘Rabboni, that I may receive my sight’” Mark 10:51

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Say: Fifth, **Jesus won their confidence.**



Say: Jesus became their friend first. It is easier to call a friend to the gospel than a stranger. It is easier to follow a friend. Paul shared his confidence with the Corinthians:



Scripture SUPPORT



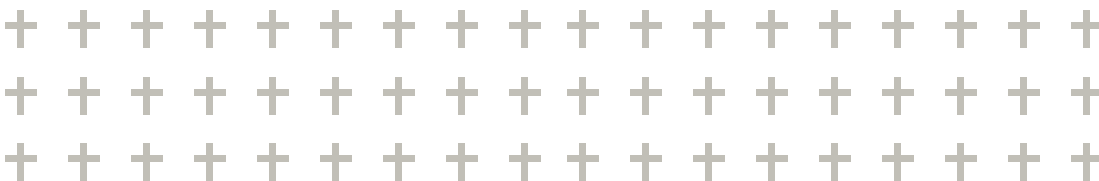
Share: **Therefore, I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.**

2 Corinthians 7:16

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Say: Sixth, **Jesus said “Follow me.”** It wasn’t until he had won their confidence that he invited them to follow him. It was the last step of the process.



Small Group Discussion



Do: Divide participants into small groups for discussion.



SLIDE 6

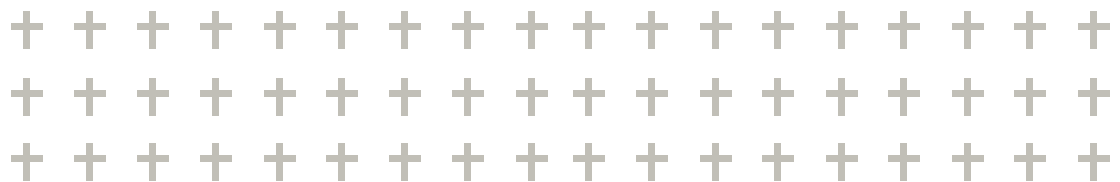


Ask: With those around your table, spend the next ten minutes answering the following two questions:
What are three main things you believe families need?
and Why?

Please have a representative from your table ready to share your group's answers.



Do: After ten minutes, call the groups back together. Have each table share their responses. If available, write responses on a white board.



The Church Supporting Families



Say: I would like us to get back together in our table groups.



SLIDE 7



Ask: What do families need from the church in order to attend church?



Do: Give participants five minutes to discuss the question. Then call the groups back together, and have each table share their responses. If available, write responses on a white board.



SLIDE 8



Say: These are all great responses. I have a couple of responses to from the Greater Grand Rapids Survey to share. The survey showed that people desire the church to:

- Help them to have better interpersonal relationships.
- Help with finances.
- Help improve health.

SLIDE 9


 **Say:** We want to help families realize their importance!

- We can bring hope back to their lives.
- We can give them a new perspective for the future of their homes.
- FLI—by the grace of God—can be an instrument of growth.
- We must recover our family identity and personal value.

FLI programming can help build relationships with new people, as well as relationships within family circles.



SLIDE 10


 **Say:** A few minutes ago, we came up with a list of topics that families want the church to address. Here are some additional topics to consider:


- Family life
- Educating children
- Self-esteem
- Marriage
- Disabilities and special needs
- Domestic violence awareness
- Finances


In addition to FLI, other seminars on nutrition, cooking, diabetes, first aid, and quitting nicotine can be offered.

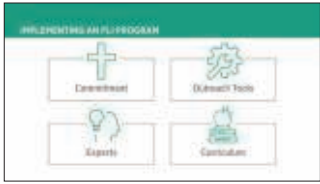


Small Group Discussion

 **Do:** Ask participants to get back into their small groups for discussion.

 **Ask:** Please take the next five minutes to discuss: What are some other topics the church should view—and therefore address—as essential to families? Why are these topics essential?

 **Do:** After five minutes, bring the groups back together to share responses.



SLIDES 11-13

Implementing an FLI Program

Say: In order to implement the program, there are key resources that need to be in place.



People committed to working for the Lord.



Outreach tools offered by FLI.



Experts who can contribute to and present quality programs. (Colleges, universities, government, etc.)



Curriculum



Teams

- Cooks
- Tutors
- Music teachers
- Speakers
- Audio-visual
- Reception



A follow up plan

- How are we going to keep in contact with participating families?
- Who is willing to do that job?
- What other activities can be planned at church?



Ask: Are there any questions?



Say: At the beginning of this session, I shared a story of struggle. If I would have used _____ (share your story), results would have been different.



Say: Hear the words of God:

“Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. Therefore, be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’”
Deuteronomy 4:5-6.

Thank you for your close attention.



Do: Close in prayer.

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Slide 2

SESSION OBJECTIVES

- 1 Identify the needs of the family.
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Slide 3

**The family
is under attack.**

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Slide 6



What do you believe families need?

Slide 7



What do families need from the church in order to attend church?



Slide 8

PEOPLE DESIRE THE CHURCH TO HELP IMPROVE:



- ✓ Interpersonal Relationships
- ✓ Health
- ✓ Finance

A slide with a red background. On the left, the text "PEOPLE DESIRE THE CHURCH TO HELP IMPROVE:" is written in white. Below this text are three items, each preceded by a white checkmark: "Interpersonal Relationships", "Health", and "Finance". On the right side of the slide, there is a photograph of a man and a woman in a kitchen. The man is wearing a black shirt and is looking at the woman. The woman is wearing a patterned shirt and is looking towards the camera. They appear to be preparing food together.

Slide 9



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We can bring hope back to their lives.

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We must recover our family identity and personal value.

A slide with a light gray background. On the left, there is a photograph of a young woman with long dark hair and glasses, and an older woman with short white hair, both smiling. To the right of the photograph, the text "We want to help families realize their importance!" is written in blue. Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column contains two lines of text: "We can bring hope back to their lives." and "We can give them a new perspective for the future of their homes." The right column contains two lines of text: "FLI—by the grace of God—can be an instrument of growth." and "We must recover our family identity and personal value."

Slide 10



ADDITIONAL TOPICS

- Family life
- Educating children
- Self-esteem
- Marriage
- Disabilities and special needs
- Domestic violence awareness
- Finances

Slide 11

IMPLEMENTING AN FLI PROGRAM

- Commitment
- Outreach Tools
- Experts
- Curriculum

Slide 12

TEAMS

- Cooks
- Tutors
- Music teachers
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- Reception

Slide 13

How are we going to keep contact with the families?

Who is willing to do that job?

Other activities in church?



FOLLOW UP



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