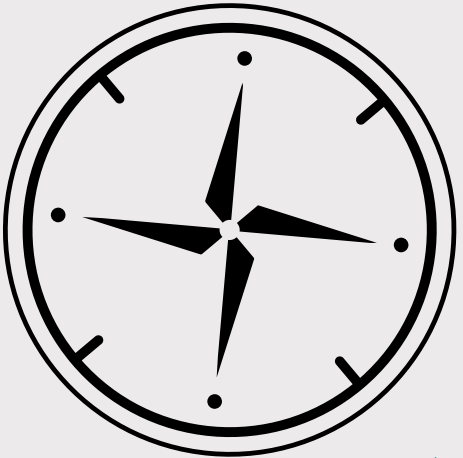


Your journey map

There is so much potential within these coaching sessions to take you and your team on a journey of establishing a whole church approach to discipling children. We all want to see children's faith flourish and thrive into adulthood, and the development tools and ideas in this booklet will provide you with plenty of easy wins.

This journey map is a tool to help you to visualise where you are in the process. It includes many of the key questions covered in these coaching sessions, which will help you to structure helpful discussions with your team and whole church community.



Start with your 'why' and tick off stages on the journey as you action them. You may want to use the QR code to watch the video for each section alongside the discussion questions.

Why?

Vision – The Why

Understanding the why behind what you do is foundational. It helps you to stay focused on what you want to achieve and informs how you will journey forwards.

- ☐ Why is it important that the children in your church develop their faith into adulthood?
- ☐ Why is it important that you develop a whole church approach to discipling children?
- ☐ In what ways have you seen the three myths influence how you lead in this area?
- ☐ Are there any other myths or hurdles that you could face when looking to develop family ministry? How could you overcome them?



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What?

Structure and activities – The What

Use the Children and the Local Church scale (page 11) as you consider the following questions:

- ☐ Where would you put your church on this scale?
- ☐ Where would you like to be? (Don't be afraid to dream!)
- ☐ What is your church doing now to disciple children?
- ☐ In what ways are you connecting with and working with parents within the church?
- ☐ What small changes could be made to what you're already doing to involve parents more? (see pages 12-17)

How?

Culture and values – The How

Use the Encouraging Children's Faith matrix (page 21) as you consider the following questions:

- ☐ How will you share the vision and the why behind it with the whole church?
- ☐ How can you let the wider church community know you recognise parenting as a ministry?
- ☐ How can you empower everyone to play a part in championing and supporting parents?
- ☐ What small changes could you make, to grow in the seven cultural values? (page 21)
- ☐ How can you use some of the ideas from other churches? (pages 22-28)
- ☐ How can your church equip parents in the five elements that build faith? (pages 31-33)

Remember that change takes time. We've been working with churches that are several years into their vision to see cultural change. This journey map has become a useful evaluation tool to revisit at key points along the way.