

**BALANCING HOME GROUP MINISTRY AND FAMILY LIFE**  
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Introduction

**Why you should be involved in Christian Community?**

It is consistent with who you are in Christ.

- At conversion, a change in our relationship with Christ.
- Changes in our horizontal relationships with one another.
  - For just as we have many members in one body, and all the members do have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” Romans 12:4&5

It benefits both you and your child

- Value to the parent
- Value to the child
  - Challenges self-centeredness of children
  - Opportunity for parent to model their faith

Attractive to those who don't know Christ

- We live in an alienated culture
- Music and lyrics

- “As Christians we must not minimize the need to give honest answers to honest questions. We should have an intellectual apologetic (a defense of our faith)... Yet, without true Christians loving one another, Christ says the world cannot be expected to listen, *even when we give proper answers*. Let us be careful indeed...to give honest answers. For years the ...church has done this very poorly...But after we have done our best to communicate (these answers), still we must never to forget that the final apologetic which Jesus gives is the observable love of true Christians for true Christians.” Gary Delashmutt, *Loving God’s Way*, (Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1996), pg. 18 citing Francis A. Schaeffer, *The Church at the End of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1972), pp. 139-140.

### How do we do it?

#### 1. Where are you now?

- What is your tendency?
- Ask a friend and/or do a time accountability

#### 2. First things first

### The Time Management Matrix

Urgent	Not Urgent
<b>Important:</b>	
<b>Not Important</b>	

This matrix was taken from Stephen Covey, *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families*

#### 3. Schedule, schedule, schedule.

- Someone will schedule your time if you don’t!

- Warning:
- Why schedule?
  - The important things get done.
  - Enables you to say no.
  - Frees you from worrying.
  - Examples of things that are scheduled in our household:
  - Qualification:

#### **4. Odds and Ends**

- Include kids whenever possible
- Ask for help.
- Bundle a number of activities at one time.

#### **Conclusion:**

- Satan will try to sabotage your efforts
- Tell someone
- Will require us to live by faith
- We don't do this alone