



The Christ-Centered Home: “*Missional Homes*”

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Joshua 24:15

Today begins a 3-week series: ***The Christ-Centered Home***. This is for any and all households: Singles, multiple roommates, married couples, couples with kids, singles with kids, blended families, widows & widowers, empty nesters, etc. Any “unit” of people living in a home (apartment, house, even group homes).

For all of these – what does it mean to be a Christ-centered household?

Do you ever stop to consider – “Why does my household exist?”

What might God’s unique purpose(s) be for “me and my household”?

- * Jesus models for us a person who has a clear sense of purpose and direction for his life.
Mark 1:38-39, Luke 9:51, Luke 13:22
- * Why is such purpose so important for households?
 1. Purpose gives those of a household BELONGING
 2. and also DIRECTION
 3. Purpose gives MEANING and VALUE to the process (of living together in a home).
- * Missional Homes function more like TEAMS (working for a shared purpose) than CLUBS (simply sharing benefits and security)
- * As the people of Israel were entering the Promised Land, Joshua charged them to “choose this day whom you will serve . . . as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”
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- * Pursuing Godly purpose and direction is a CHOICE. We choose this as *individuals* and also as *households*.
- * From that same Joshua verse (24:15), Joshua recognizes that there are other “gods” (purposes) we can choose... What might be modern-day “gods of your ancestors” or “gods of the Amorites” that can lure us away from Gods’ purpose(s) for our household?
- * Nick gave us some creative catalysts/ideas that might help us formulate household vision and purpose:
 1. Brainstorm key **words, phrases, or scriptures** that capture the passions of your

household.

2. What **images or metaphors** reflect these words/ideas?
3. What **core values** do you want to adopt for your household?
4. What might your household **“crest”** look like? (like the family crests of olde Europe)
5. How might you capture your household vision with a short **motto**?

Work on this together. Take your time. Let everyone contribute. Enjoy the process!