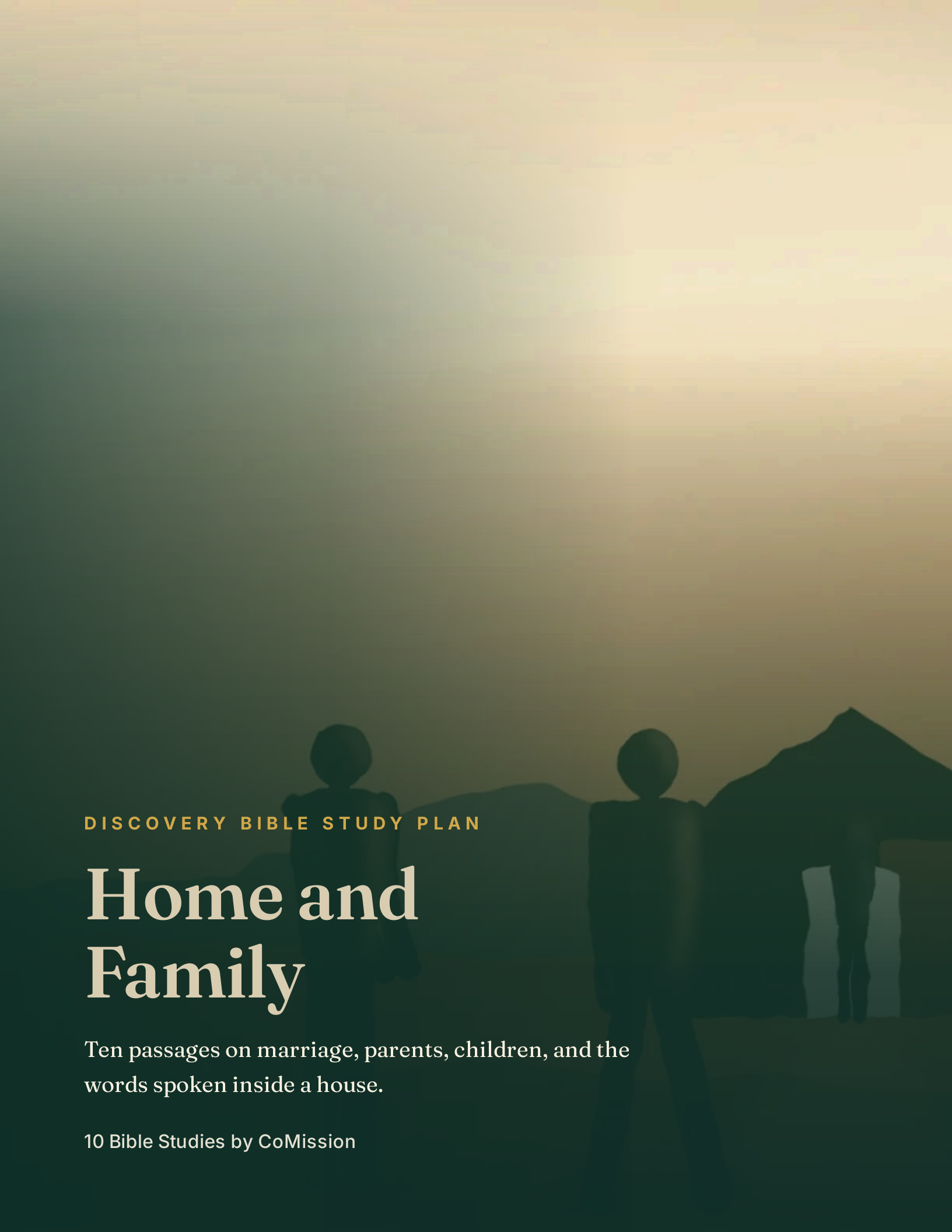

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Home and Family

Ten passages on marriage, parents, children, and the words spoken inside a house.

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How a Discovery Bible Study works

This page is for whoever leads the study. Everyone else only needs the passage.

A Discovery Bible Study has no teacher. The person leading only asks the questions; the Bible does the teaching. That is what makes it simple enough for anyone to lead — no title, no training, no materials, no money.

EAT, DIGEST, GROW

Eat the Word — Read the passage aloud, read it again, then close the Bible and have someone retell it in their own words. Reading is the bite, re-reading the chewing, the retelling the swallow. If the group can't retell it, read it once more before going on.

Digest — Work through the four questions. This is where the passage turns into faith and obedience — answered from what the text actually says, not from what someone already knew.

Grow — Growth is God's part, not yours. One plants, another waters, but God gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7). Do the cycle faithfully and leave the growing to Him.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**
2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**
3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**
4. **Who will I tell?**

THE SHAPE OF A MEETING

Look back — What are you thankful for? What is hard right now? How did you obey what we found last time, and who did you tell? Pray briefly for each other.

Look up — Read, re-read, retell — then the four questions.

Look forward — Each person says their own “I will…” out loud and names one person they will tell. Next time, the group asks about both. Asking is what turns a discussion into obedience.

THE ONE RULE: DON'T TEACH

The moment you start explaining, the group stops discovering. If someone says something that is not in the passage, do not correct them — ask, kindly, “Where do you see that in this passage?” and let them look. The text and the group sort it out. This is the rule that lets someone who has been in two studies lead the third.

Four to fifteen people. About an hour, once a week. Nothing else required.

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Made for each other

Genesis 2:15-25

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does God say is not good, and what does he do about it?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where in your life have you felt the ache of being alone?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What is one way you could honor someone in your home this week — a word of thanks, time set apart, a promise kept?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell that God saw our need for companionship from the very beginning?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you that you made us for companionship, not for being alone. Teach me to treasure the people you have placed beside me.*

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Teach these words to your children

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   When and where does God say his words should be talked about?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Who talked with you about God when you were growing up — or who didn't — and how did that shape you?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   In what ordinary moment this week — a meal, a drive, bedtime — could you speak of God with someone in your home?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who — a child, a grandchild, a new believer — could you begin sharing God's words with?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Lord, write your words on my heart first, so that they overflow naturally into my home — at the table, on the road, at bedtime.*

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NEXT STUDY Loyalty that costs something

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Loyalty that costs something

Ruth 1:1-18

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What has Naomi lost, and what exactly does Ruth promise her?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   When has someone stayed with you who didn't have to?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What is one loyal act you could do this week for someone in your household — showing up, staying, keeping your word?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who feels abandoned right now, and how could you show them Ruth's kind of loyalty?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you for Ruth's stubborn, costly love. Give me that kind of loyalty toward the family you have given me, whatever shape it takes.*

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NEXT STUDY A mother who gave him back

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A mother who gave him back

1 Samuel 1:9-28

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Hannah ask God for, and what does she do when he answers?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What longing or worry about your family have you been carrying alone?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   This week, will you pray by name for each person under your roof — and tell one of them that you did?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is waiting on an unanswered prayer that you could encourage with Hannah's story?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Lord, like Hannah I bring you my deepest longings and the people I love most. Help me trust them into your hands.*

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Words that build or burn

James 3:1-12

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What pictures does James use to describe the tongue and its power?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Which of your words at home this past week built someone up, and which ones burned?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What is one word you need to say — or take back — in your home this week: an apology, a thank you, an encouragement?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you talk with about the power words carry inside a house?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, my tongue can bless and it can burn — and home is where it shows first. Tame my words and make them a spring of fresh water.*

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What God has joined together

Mark 10:1-16

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus say about marriage, and how does he treat the children people bring to him?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean to you that, right after teaching on something as painful as divorce, Jesus opens his arms to the small and overlooked?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Who in your home — young or old — could you welcome this week the way Jesus welcomed the children?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who carries wounds from marriage or divorce that you could gently point to this welcoming Jesus?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, you spoke of marriage with honor and took children into your arms. Whatever my home has been through, receive us with that same tenderness.*

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Submitting to one another

Ephesians 5:21-33

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Paul ask of husbands and of wives, and whose love is the model for it all?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where is it hardest for you to put someone else's good ahead of your own?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What is one act of self-giving love you could offer someone in your household this week — a chore taken on, a preference laid down?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell about a love that gives itself up instead of demanding its own way?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Lord, you loved the church by giving yourself up for her. Teach me that same self-giving love in my closest relationships.*

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Parents and children

Ephesians 6:1-4

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Paul ask of children, and what does he warn fathers not to do?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   How were honor and encouragement — or their absence — part of the home you grew up in?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How could you honor a parent or encourage a child this week — a phone call, a spoken blessing, patience instead of a sharp reply?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is struggling as a parent, or with a parent, and could this passage open a conversation with them?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Father, you parent me with a patience I don't deserve. Help me honor those over me and never exasperate those in my care.*

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Living with one another

1 Peter 3:1-9

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Peter say to give back instead of evil for evil or insult for insult?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What would a gentle spirit and a considerate life look like in your home as it actually is?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Where could you answer an insult or an irritation at home with a blessing this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who might be won over by a changed life before they would listen to words — just as Peter describes?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, make me a blessing inside my own walls — quick to sympathize, slow to repay insult with insult.*

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The father who ran

Luke 15:11-32

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does the father do when he sees his son still a long way off?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where in your family story do you long for a welcome like this — to give one, or to receive one?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What is one step toward peace you could take in your household this week — a message, an apology, a door left open, a meal shared?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who believes they have gone too far to come home, and how could you show them this father?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Father, thank you that you run to meet those who turn for home. Make my home — whatever it looks like — a place where people are received like that.*

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