

Family Devo for a “Rainy Hurricane Sunday at Home”

Question One:

“What happened this past week that you are thankful for?”

- Allow each person to answer briefly.
- This helps to build the DNA of giving thanks to God for His blessings.

Question Two:

“What challenges are happening in your life, family, or community?”

- Allow each person to answer briefly while the facilitator takes basic notes.
- This builds the DNA of praying and caring for one another.

Read the Scripture:

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Matthew 7:24-27

- Read the passage aloud.
- Ask a volunteer to re-tell the passage.

- This is done from memory without using the Bible for prompting.
- The person should tell it in his own words.

- **Have the group fill in details.**

-There is generally some detail that will be missed.

- **Remember that this entire step is not a quiz or test with right and wrong answers.**

-It is intended to engage everyone in the process of reading, paying attention to, and caring about the Word of God— nothing more.

-Our job is to facilitate Bible study...
understanding, application, obedience, transformation— those are the job of the Holy Spirit.

Question Three:

“What do we learn about God in this section?”

-This builds the DNA of reading the Bible in order to understand God.

Question Four:

“What do we learn about people from this section?”

-This builds the DNA of self-examination, recognizing that the Bible’s teachings still apply

Question Five:

“How will your life change if you put this passage into practice?”

-This builds the DNA of obedience.

-One model for this follows the acrostic **SPECK**:

- * Is there a Sin to confess or avoid?
- * Is there a Prayer to pray?
- * A Praise to give to God?
- * A Promise to claim?
- * Is there an Example to imitate?
- * Is there a Command to obey?
- * Is there Knowledge to gain?

Question Six:

“Who do you know who needs to hear this lesson?”

- This asks each group participant to plan on sharing the Bible with someone outside the group;
- This builds the DNA of sharing the gospel and making disciples who make disciples.

Question Seven:

“How can we help with one of the challenges that were shared earlier?”

This builds the DNA of “one another-ism” — that quality of caring for one another which is so essential to the long-term life of a family and church.

Take time to pray for one another and also for all those impacted by Hurricane Florence