

# FORERUNNER

## Families

Leader Guide

**REVIEW THIS:** Take a few moments to refresh your memory on the different roles we as parents play for our kids as they develop: <https://rushcreek.org/forerunner-families/>

**DO THIS:** Rate how well you feel you played each role in your child's life. Or reflect on how well you have fulfilled each role in your child's life and rate yourself accordingly.

*Leader Tip: This exercise should take approximately 10 minutes. You might play some soft instrumental music in the background to take out the awkwardness.*

Circle the most appropriate rating:

	<b>Protector/Nurturer</b>			
Indifferent	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
	<b>Provider/Director</b>			
Indifferent	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
	<b>Teacher/Corrector</b>			
Indifferent	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
	<b>Guide/Accountability</b>			
Indifferent	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
	<b>Model/Motivator</b>			
Indifferent	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
	<b>Coach/Resource</b>			
Indifferent	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent

ASK THIS & DIVIDE INTO 2 GROUPS: MEN & WOMEN

*Leader Tip: In conversations that can invoke strong emotion, sometimes it's best to group people into men and women. Men will share things with other men that they simply will not share if women are in the room and vice versa.*



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1. In light of your growth in Christ what moments would you want to do-over with one or all of your children?
2. Evaluate your level of intentionality in helping your kids through the stages of faith. How well did you help your child(ren) feel, build, define, experience, live, or own their faith?
3. What has been your greatest challenge as a parent desiring to raise children who follow the Lord? Why is \_\_\_ so challenging? What's the story behind your reason?

### DIGGING DEEPER

*Leader Tip: The following set of questions can provoke significant emotions in your group members. Use discernment. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to press in when needed but also to back off when it's time. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move during this discussion.*

4. We learned in the sermon this week that the life of Samuel is filled with several people who loved, cared for, and guided him into what God was calling him to do.
  - a. Men: What was life with Dad like for you growing up? What did his care and guidance for you look like? Or how did he provide care and guidance for you?
  - b. Men: What were the primary messages spoken over your life from Dad? How did it shape you today?
  - c. Women: What was life with Mom like for you growing up? What did her care and guidance for you look like?
  - d. Women: What were the primary message over your life from Mom? How did it shape you today?
  - e. All: How are you currently caring and guiding your kids? What does it look like these days? How's it going?

