

# The Big Picture of Family Discipleship - Harriet Connor

## 1. What Is Discipleship?

Discipleship is the process of forming a person's heart, mind, goals, habits, character, and behaviour towards a certain end; as Christians, that end is to grow in the likeness of Christ, who is the perfect image of God

## 2. What Is the Process of Discipleship?

Another way to describe discipleship is an apprenticeship: Jesus is our Master Teacher and we are gradually learning his trade.

*Luke 6:40*

*Take a few moments to think about how this kind of discipleship might look for you in your own relationship with Jesus.*

## 3. What Role Do Parents Play in Discipleship?

Parents are disciples or apprentices of Jesus, who bring their children along behind as *their* disciples or apprentices.

Discipleship is personal.

Discipleship is practical.

Discipleship is a process.

#### 4. What Strategies Can Parents Use to Disciple Children?

Be idealistic

Be realistic      *Ephesians 4:32*

**Model**      *1 Corinthians 4:15-16*

**Talk**      *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

**Teach**      *Psalm 78:1-6, Hebrews 4:12*

**Train**

*Take a few minutes to think about how you could work on some of these strategies: model, talk, teach and train.*

**Include**      *Deuteronomy 31:12-13, Acts 21:5-6*

**Discipline**      *Hebrews 12:11*

**Filter**

**Schedule**

*Take a few moments to reflect on how you could work on the strategies of include, discipline, filter and schedule.*

## 5. What If We Think We've Missed the Boat?

### The Big Picture

Some recommended resources:



[Youthworks.net](http://Youthworks.net)



[matthiasmedia.com.au](http://matthiasmedia.com.au)

