

# 4-D Kingdom Builders

*Spiritual leadership in the 4 main dimensions of our lives*



## A 4D KINGDOM BUILDER

### Preparation For This Study

**PRAY**—for pastor Kevin as he delivers this week’s message, guidance in leading your group, and that God uses this topic to create Kingdom building life-change.

**READ**—James 1:22-25, Eph. 5:23, Romans 10:14, and 1 Peter 3:1

**DECIDE**—What parts of this study will work best for your group? Should you add anything? Leave anything out?

**MAIN POINT**—We are first and foremost called to be spiritual leaders (Kingdom Builders) in our own families, @ Home!

**James 1:22-25**

“...Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, deceiving yourselves...”

**Ephesians 5:23**

“The husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church...”

**Romans 10:14**

How can people accept salvation if nobody shares it with them?

**1 Peter 3:1**

Wives can win over their unbelieving husbands because of their submissive behavior.

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## INTRODUCTION



### Quote Me:

*"If your actions  
inspire others to  
dream more, learn  
more, do more and  
become more, you  
are a leader!"*

*-John Quincy  
Adams*

*(6<sup>th</sup> president of the United  
States of America)*

This week, Pastor Kevin continues in the series on Hebron's vision statement: In the next 10 years, Hebron will raise up thousands of 4-D Kingdom Builders to influence tens of thousands with the Gospel here and around the world.

Kevin will be focusing on 4 main elements each week as he applies them to each of the 4 different dimensions of the vision statement: at home, at work, at church, and in our

community. This week, we will be focusing on the dimension of at home.

The four elements that Kevin covers each week within those dimensions are that of a role we each have, a decision to make, and action to take, and an object of the above.

Today, we will dive into direct application of what it looks like for us to apply the 7 LifeMarks of a believer into the home dimension.

## Beginning Questions

**\*\*NOTE:** If this is your first time using this study, you will notice that at the end of each session there is a next-step challenge. It corresponds with the same challenge given in the worship service by Pastor Kevin. Each week, you will begin your meeting with a time of reviewing how well people did applying and carrying out the previous week's Next-Step Challenge. Make sure to plan time to do this each week!

1) Last week's Next Step Challenge included asking God to reveal to you specific areas where you could/should "step it up" in being a spiritual leader. What did God reveal to you, and have you experienced any growth this past week in that area?

2) Read the quote by John Quincy Adams to the left. Would you say this characterizes you within your family?

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## @ Home

### *Spiritual Leadership In Our Homes & Family*

[NOTE: Leaders, These next 4-5 weeks are not necessarily going to be weeks where you are going to lead your group in deep, theological exegesis of different passages of Scripture. This next month, we will be heavily focusing on self-analysis, application, and anticipative accountability. The goal is for every person who comes to Hebron to take action in becoming *greater* spiritual leaders at home, church, work, and in their community. We think that it is both crucial and worth the change in style of how we do Connect Groups these next few weeks to use Connect Group time as an opportunity to spur each other on in growth, pray for that growth to happen together, and come back with an excitement and anticipation to hear what God is doing in the people of our groups. (**Read James 1:22-25** as motivation). Remember, when God works and moves in specific members of a group, the entire group feels that momentum! Take time at the beginning of your discussions each week to lay out this vision with excitement that we will focus on seeing God work in your group this next month... Whatever excitement and enthusiasm you set forth, your group members will carry that into their motivation for personal application.]

To review from last week, we broke down the definition of what a Kingdom Builder was into it's most simple explanation—someone who is a spiritual leader. As we discuss being a spiritual leader, we will continue to build upon our conversations of the 7 LifeMarks of a believer (which would certainly be within a spiritual leader). We will take those LifeMarks and apply them to how we are spiritual leaders showing those characteristics within the 4 main dimensions of our lives. Today, we will examine all of the different ways that we can specifically become a better spiritual leader in the @ Home dimension of our lives. It is important to point out that the @ Home dimension is not limited to the relationships going on inside of your house, but it also reaches to your relationship with your extended family members.

As you **break into smaller groups** to discuss each of these 7 LifeMarks in the @ Home dimension, remember to take into account your various roles in your family. For example, the way you express a LifeMark in your family may look different between your relationships as a spouse, parent, sibling, child, etc. Don't be afraid to really examine where God could be potentially speaking to you in any/all of these roles within *your* @ Home. Also, while we are specifically looking at how we can grow in these areas individually, also consider ways your family can come together as a team to grow in these areas.

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### Christlikeness @ Home

Every household and family relationship is different. There is no one-size fits all for how we do family. However, the questions should be universally asked, “How would Jesus respond in this situation?” and, “Am I giving a mirror-like image of Christ to my family?”

**Are there any people in my family that I need to go back and apologize to for the way I reacted, or how I have treated them, because it wasn't Christlike?**

**What are some ways that I can intentionally bring up Christ-likeness in my conversations?**

**Men, are you the spiritual leader of your family? (Read Ephesians 5:23) How can you improve in this? How can I do a better job teaching my children about Christ/encouraging Christlikeness within them?**

### Evangelism @ Home

Family members can often be the most difficult people to share the Gospel with, even though they are often the people we feel the most burdened for.

**Who in your family would you like people to pray with you about them accepting salvation?**

**Who in your family do you feel like God may be leading you to specifically share with? (See Romans 10:14)**

Has your family ever done ministry together? Sometimes kids have proven to be the easiest way to open doors in sharing with others.

**Do you know how to share your testimony and the Gospel? Do your children?**

**Does your family know *your* personal testimony?**

### Giving @ Home

**Are you giving a 10% tithe?**

**If you have children, are you providing opportunities for them to practice tithing money?**

**What are some ways you could make personal sacrifices to give more time to your family?**

### Influence @ Home

**Are there members of your family that you could be more intentional about discipling?**

**Are you personally being poured into?**

**Husbands/Fathers, are you pouring Scripture and prayer over your wife/children?**

**Wives/Mothers, are you doing the same with your husband/children? (Read 1 Peter 3:1)**

### Service @ Home

**What are some ways that you can serve your family members?**

**Is everyone in your house using their gifts/talents and time to serve?**

**What are some neat service ideas that either you, or others families you have heard of do to serve each other and/or others together?**

### Family @ Home

Essentially, the Family LifeMark and the @ Home dimension of a Kingdom Builder overlap, but it is worth re-asking the sub-point of the Family LifeMark:

**“How am I improving my family relationships?”**

### Accountability @ Home

It can be dangerously easy to think negatively about the idea of having accountability within your family. Perhaps this is because instead of thinking about accountability as people calling you out when you do something wrong, we should look at our family as a team that God Himself put together to carry out a task during your life here on earth.

**How can you enlist your team (family) to come together to work on some of these things discussed today?**

**What are some specific goals that you can ask your family to undergo together?**

**How can your family keep each other accountable to those goals in a fun and meaningful way?**

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## **RESPONSE**

Break into small groups and discuss/pray for each other in regard to the following:

- There were likely a number of different things you came across today that you could improve upon or would like to see grow in your family's life and relationships. What were the 3 most important things you would like to see change?
- Take time praying for each other, and for the specific family members and situations mentioned.
- Pray together asking God to work in your group, among each other, and that you would be able to praise Him for the amazing things He does this week!

## **VISION**

### **HEBRON'S VISION STATEMENT**

In the next 10 years, Hebron will raise up thousands of 4D Kingdom Builders to influence tens of thousands with the Gospel here and around the world.

**The four dimensions of a 4D Kingdom Builder are:**



## **NEXT STEP CHALLENGES**

- ❖ Take action in regard to the 3 (at least) things you really wanted to see God work through in your @ Home. Be prepared to come next week and share some of the amazing things God does!

*"We expect the Gospel to change lives!"*



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## COMMENTARY on James 1:21-22

We are here fully, though briefly, instructed concerning hearing the word of God. 1. We are required to prepare ourselves for it (v. 21), to get rid of every corrupt affection and of every prejudice and prepossession, and to lay aside those sins which pervert the judgment and blind the mind. *All the filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness*, before explained, must, in an especial manner, be subdued and cast off, by all such as attend on the word of the gospel. 2. We are directed how to hear it: *Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls*. (1.) In hearing the word of God, we are to receive it—assent to the truths of it—consent to the laws of it; receive it as the stock does the graft; so as that the fruit which is produced may be, not according to the nature of the sour stock, but according to the nature of that word of the gospel which is engrafted into our souls. (2.) We must therefore yield ourselves to the word of God, with most submissive, humble, and tractable tempers: this is to *receive it with meekness*. Being willing to hear of our faults, and taking it not only patiently, but thankfully, desiring also to be molded and formed by the doctrines and precepts of the gospel. (3.) In all our hearing we should aim at the salvation of our souls. It is the design of the word of God to make us wise to salvation; and those who propose any meaner or lower ends to themselves in attending upon it dishonour the gospel and disappoint their souls. We should come to the word of God (both to read it and hear it), as those who know it is *the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth*, [Rom. 1:16](#). 3. We are taught what is to be done after hearing (v. 22): *But be you doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves*. Observe here, (1.) Hearing is in order to doing; the most attentive and the most frequent hearing of the word of God will not avail us, unless we be also doers of it. If we were to hear a sermon every day of the week, and an angel from heaven were the preacher, yet, if we rested in bare hearing, it would never bring us to heaven. Therefore the apostle insists much upon it (and, without doubt, it is indispensably necessary) that we practice what we hear. “There must be inward practice by meditation, and outward practice in true obedience.” *Baxter*. It is not enough to remember what we hear, and to be able to repeat it, and to give testimony to it, and commend it, and write it, and preserve what we have written; that which all this is in order to, and which crowns the rest, is that we be doers of the word. Observe, (2.) Bare hearers are self-deceivers; the original word, *paralogizomenoi*, signifies men’s arguing sophistically to themselves; their reasoning is manifestly deceitful and false when they would make one part of their work discharge them from the obligation they lie under to another, or persuade themselves that filling their heads with notions is sufficient, though their hearts be empty of good affections and resolutions, and their lives fruitless of good works. Self-deceit will be found the worst deceit at last.

- Matthew Henry Commentary