

Taking it Home:

- Use your @Home Plan and Summer@Home brochure to identify some activities you can do as a family over the next 120 days to encourage the yours and your family's spiritual growth.

- Also, don't forget about the chance to win fun prizes throughout the summer. Write a story about your family or a family you've observed doing one of the activities listed in the Summer@home flier.

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew's sermon points, visit pastormatthew.net and click on the "Write This Down" tab.

@ Home-Building Strong Families
Summer at Home
Deuteronomy 6:7

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Notes:

For more information about Growth Groups, Growth Group homework, and a podcast of sermons with homework, visit www.bethelfc.com.

Growth Group Homework

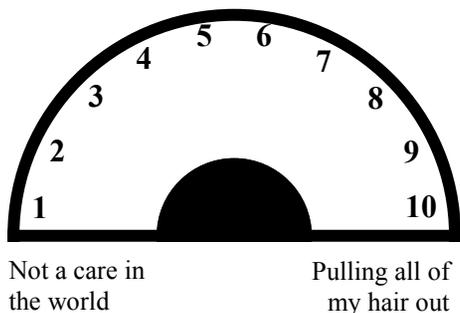
For the week of April 22, 2012

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Quick Review: Pastor Matthew challenged us to live a full LIFE this Summer; a place where you **L** laugh, **I** instill values, **F**an into flame God's purposes and passions, and **E**ngage in a cause. You also received an @Home plan and a Summer@Home brochure with boredom busting ideas to help you get hold of that kind of LIFE.

My Story:

- Parents of school-aged children, on the stress-o-meter below identify how summer vacation makes things feel at home:



- What are some of your fondest childhood memories of summers spent with family or friends?
- If you have a family of your own, what are some of the fondest memories you have had with your own family?
- What are some of the intentional summer activities you have done in the past to encourage your faith and/or the faith of your children (e.g., Vacation Bible School, mission trips, etc.)?

Growing Deeper:

- **Read Deuteronomy 6:7.** The instructions of Deuteronomy 6 aren't merely given to parents, but to the entire faith community. In verse 7 we are told to live out a rhythm of biblical instruction in our lives. It's when we're sitting at home, when we're walking along the road, when lying down and getting up. Whether you're a parent or a young single, what are some rhythms you can incorporate into your life to train up children in godliness (e.g., mentoring youth, praying for children, sharing meals together, etc.)?

- **Below is the LIFE acronym with their accompanying verses. Look up each verse and identify specific ways you could encourage LIFE in yours and/or your child's life:**

- Laugh (Proverbs 17:22)
- Instill Values (Proverbs 6:6)
- Fan into Flame Passions and Purpose (Proverbs 20:5)
- Engage a Cause or Opportunity (Proverbs 11:11)