The Christian House: "The Hearth (part 2)"

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I. Recap:

- A. Bedroom: where people enter and exit the household.
- B. Hearth: Family assembly
- C. When is a family not a family?

II. Family worship recap.

- A. All families worship, but some worship idols.
- B. Make a suitable space.
- C. Make a suitable time.
- D. Keep it simple.
- E. Remember your Covenant:

III.Gather to deliberate.

- A. Deliberation is how families solve problems and make plans. (Gen. 13, 24, 31, 34, 43)
- B. Why does it matter?
- C. Deliberate about what?
- D. Deliberation can help you get buy-in from everyone.
- E. Allow kids to call family meetings.
- F. Deliberating as a family is like setting a budget.

IV.Gather for fun.

- A. Fun not entertainment.
- B. And games.
- C. Music.

V. Gather for conversation.

- Families tell stories.
- B. Families have news.
- C. Guests have things to say.
- D. A word about virtual guests, AKA the TV. (Js. 2:1-7)

VI.Time and place for quiet.

- A. People need time and space to be quiet. (Ps. 8; Ps. 131; Mk. 1:35-37)
- B. Make a space for this in your house. (2 Kg. 4:8-10; Mk. 14:12ff).