

## **Fathers Podcast 05 Club Time Part 2**

### **Podcast Highlights**

- During club time do what the child wants to do (errands do not count!).
- What does each child want to do? How can you do it? Your first club time could be working on the list of activities (there will probably be ideas on the list that will never happen...but it's fun to brainstorm so don't edit the list while you make it).
- Club time will grow you to appreciate them more (especially if they want to do something you don't particularly enjoy). Children have a way of forcing us to slow down, be playful, and do things just for the joy. Club time isn't all about you.
- It doesn't have to be expensive.
- Ask questions like: How am I doing as a dad? How is the family doing? What do you like about the family? Who is your best friend? Who sits with you at lunch?
- Questions will become a natural rhythm for club time and be a gateway to deeper conversations and a safe place for your kids to bring up other topics.
- These times and conversations when they are young pave the way for more open and honest conversations during their teenage years. If you already have teenagers it isn't too late to start club time. Something is better than nothing!
- Write down your learnings and talk about them with your wife.
- The best time to talk about God is during these club times. Don't try to squeeze it into every conversation topic! The perception of their heavenly fatherly is largely influenced by their earthly father.

### **Thinking/Conversation Starters**

- What benefits do you see to having a club time?
- What other questions could you ask them?

### **Action Step**

- Schedule it and do it. Have a set schedule, time length and frequency.

*There are eternal consequences to the seemingly inconsequential.*

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