

Vision & Equipping 2015

Session 1: FL vision, mission & news.

FamilyLife Mission Statement:

FamilyLife works to strengthen families; we help transform relationships by providing hope and practical tools based on Biblical principles and knowing Christ.

We aim to give every family in the UK this opportunity.

Notes:

- o What might God be saying to you through this news

Dates for the diary:

- o FamilyLife Facilitator Training 2015: 26-28 June
- o FL European Forum / V&E 2016: 29-30 January.

Session 2: Incarnate – what’s it all about?

- See separate workshop papers.

Discussion & Prayer

1. What aspects of FL mission help people incarnate Christlikeness into their lives & relationships?
2. Is Christlikeness for Christians only?
 - a. Yes? How might FL help?
 - b. No? Why not?
3. Give thanks for 2014 and pray for future plans. (Detail on separate sheet on your table).

Session 3: Growing in Christ in Community: Part 1 (Lisa & Jo)

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

“Real spiritual growth is NEVER an isolated, individualistic pursuit. Maturity is produced through relationships and community.” *Rick Warren*

Discussion 1 Questions:

In your experience, what has born the most fruit in growing like Christ in community (with others)? What is it about that experience/activity that caused fruit to grow?

Discussion 2 Questions:

How can you grow in Christ-likeness in community? What ways that we have discussed would you like to apply? What new ideas do you have to share????

Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

My Action Point(s) for Growing in Christ: In Community ...

“...in general, spiritual growth happens over time when ordinary people experience the truth of God's Word in the context of intentional relationships within the body of Christ.”

Taken from: <http://www.directionjournal.org/35/1/growing-christlike-together.html>

Part 2 – Mentoring (Mark with Gary & Jan Palmer)

- See separate Mentoring hand-out (there is a sign-up sheet on the Resources Table for more copies)

Notes:

- What might God be saying to you through this interview?

Session 4: God growing us in our marriages.

Notes:

Session 5: Helping us to help you to help your community.

Online Resources

FamilyLife's Website

Web: familylifeuk.org



Together Resources

Web: togetherinmarriage.org/downloads

The screenshot shows the 'together' website with the tagline 'investing in your marriage'. The navigation menu includes 'About', 'For leaders', 'FAQ', 'Downloads', 'Purchase', and 'Contact'. The 'Downloads' section lists various resources such as 'Invitation (A5 size)', 'Invitation (DL size)', 'Introductory session for participants', 'Introductory reading for Session 1', 'Together Group contact details', 'Together Meeting Planner', and 'Additional Resources for Small Groups'. There are also social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and RSS, a search bar, and sections for 'Engaged couples' and 'Resources'.

A Day Together Resources

Web: adaytogether.org/downloads

The screenshot shows the 'a day together' website with the tagline 'a day together'. The navigation menu includes 'About', 'Events', 'Gift certificates', 'Meet the team', 'Articles', 'Gallery', 'Video', 'Organise an event', and 'Contact'. The 'Downloads' section is titled 'Organiser Downloads' and lists resources like 'Organiser's guide', 'Registration spreadsheet', 'Confirmation letter', 'Promotional image', 'Promotional logo', 'Promotional slide', 'Tips for inviting people', 'Catering ideas', and 'Decorating ideas'. There are also social media icons, a search bar, and sections for 'FamilyLife UK' and 'Events'.



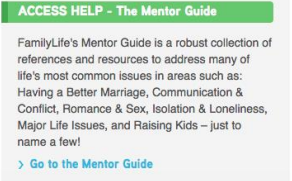

When2Pray

Web: when2pray.org

The screenshot shows the 'WHEN2PRAY' website with a navigation menu: 'WHY WHEN2PRAY?', 'WHAT IS IT?', 'HOW DOES IT WORK?', 'REGISTER', 'RESOURCES', 'DONATE', and 'ABOUT US'. The main content area asks 'Do you think that praying together makes a difference to couples' relationships?' and provides a brief introduction. Below this is a large image of a cloudy sky with a bright light source, and a text box titled 'What is prayer?' that explains the concept of prayer as a personal relationship with God.

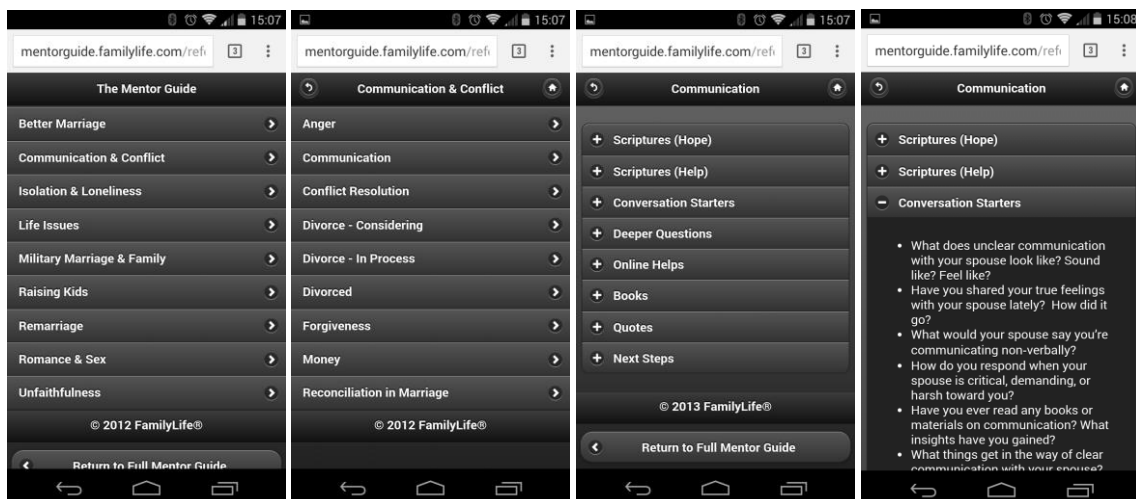
eMentoring

Web: familylife.com/ementoring

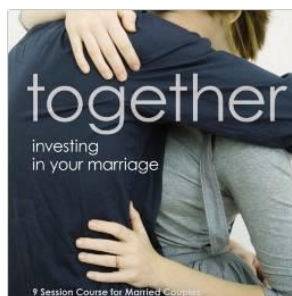
 <p>GET HELP</p> <p>FamilyLife's eMentoring program allows you to anonymously connect via email to a personal mentor who will walk with you through a life struggle.</p> <p>> Learn more</p>	 <p>GIVE HELP</p> <p>If you're looking for a convenient place to mentor beyond your local area, join FamilyLife's eMentoring program where you can encourage others from the convenience of your own computer.</p> <p>> Learn more</p>
 <p>ACCESS HELP - The Mentor Guide</p> <p>FamilyLife's Mentor Guide is a robust collection of references and resources to address many of life's most common issues in areas such as: Having a Better Marriage, Communication & Conflict, Romance & Sex, Isolation & Loneliness, Major Life Issues, and Raising Kids – just to name a few!</p> <p>> Go to the Mentor Guide</p>	 <p>HELP YOURSELF - Mentor Training</p> <p>FamilyLife's Mentoring Movement embraces the challenge: "Every Believer - a Ready Mentor." Whether you want training for yourself or your church, we have the tools to help.</p> <p>> Training for you > Training for your church</p>

Online Mentor Guide

On your pc, smartphone or tablet: mentorguide.familylife.com



Offline Resources : Together Study



1. List ways you can reach out to Friends, Neighbours, Family, Couples, Colleagues, etc.

2. What type of resources would equip you, engage you and/or motivate you?

3. What topics of conversation/subjects would you like to see focussed on at future Vision & Equipping events?

Your name: _____

Email: _____

Session 6: WORKSHOP – Incarnating God’s word more deeply into our lives.

- See separate workshop papers.

Reflection & capturing actions

- See separate yellow sheet.