

EQUIPPING PARENTS TO PASS ON FAITH

Preparing Leaders to Train Families

Background

- \$1.3M grant from Lilly Endowment
- Equipping parents and caregivers to pass their faith to their children
- Center for Faith and Family created
- Research Team: Dr. Mark Frisius, Dr. Lisa Gassin, Dr. Kristian Veit, Dr. Lance Kilpatrick, Dr. Leon Blanchette

Implementation

- Annual training on the NWIL district
- Annual training conference on Olivet campus
- Creation of training curriculum
- Weekly podcast: *Shine.fm*
- Longitudinal study with 100 families

Preliminary Findings

- Parents are #1 in the development of a child's faith
- Parent's often struggle with their own faith
- Faith is more caught than taught
- Faith is multi-dimensional
 - Cognitive - mind (know)
 - Relational - heart (be)
 - Volitional - lifestyle (do)

What is the plan?

- Representative from your district to work with our team
- Train trainers who will train parents in local churches
- Provide curriculum for trainers to use in local churches
- Provide ongoing training via videos
- Provide a podcast to support trainers and parents
- Recruit 100 families to commit to 3 years
- Provide resources for parents

BIG ASK!

Both scripture and research clearly demonstrates that equipping parents to be the spiritual leaders in their families is not an option; it is a mandate.

Will you join us to help equip parents? Would you be willing to be a trainer for your congregation?