

## Summer@home 2017 How To Have A Life-Changing Summer

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. **Psalm 90:12 (NLT)** 

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **Eph. 5:15-17 (NIV)** 

## How to have a life-changing summer

1. Choose to be **intentional** about your summer - 90 days of intentionality.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)** 

## Five areas I must teach, train, and develop within my child:

- Beliefs Faith (Deuteronomy 11:18-19)
- **Identity** We are created by God, for God, and it is good. (Genesis 1:27-31, Psalms 139:13-15, Colossians 1:16)

- Character Core values (Proverbs 12:2, Proverbs 11:3, Proverbs 10:9)
- **Purpose** What am I supposed to do with my life? (Colossians 1:16, Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 22:37-39)
  - Our first two primary purposes are simple. Love <u>God</u> and help people.
- Skills Competencies of life (Proverbs 22:6)

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life. **Proverbs 22:6 (GNT)** 

2. Build an intentional **bucket list** for the summer (a plan).

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity (blessing, success), but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty (brokenness', failure). **Proverbs** 21:5 (NLT)

3. **Don't** take a vacation from **God**. (Romans 12:1-2)

Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed. **Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)** 

Going deeper on your own: Sit down with a pen and paper and review the message notes from this weekend's message. Ask God to help you plan your child's summer. Fast forward in your mind 90 days and think about your child returning to school. What do you hope they have learned from their experiences over the summer? Examples: Did they learned to wash their clothes, how to cook or how to balance a checkbook? Did they learn how to recognize and help someone in need, did they go to church camp, build friendships, or learn how to pray and memorize Scripture? Write down two or three sentences about what you hope your child will experience and learn over the summer. Example: I want (name of child) to learn more about Jesus and to learn how to help someone in need, etc. Go to your summer calendar and write down specific activities on specific dates that will help you reach your summer goals for your child. Next week Pastor Jay will teach us how to create a summer bucket list that will help the entire family get involved in having a summer that can change everything.