



# **PASTOR: YOUR FAMILY MATTERS!**

## **27th July - Session 1 - Ministry Begins at home!**

### **By Dr. Rob Rienow and Amy Rienow**

#### *Summary:*

The pressures of church leadership can be overwhelming. It is very easy to prioritize our ministry at church and neglect our families. In this message, Dr. Rob Rienow shares his journey and key Scriptures which will encourage you to catch a fresh vision for your ministry to your family and being a spiritual leader at home. When our ministry for God begins at home, we are better able to serve and lead at church.

#### *Questions for the couples to deliberate*

1. Why do you think it is so common for pastors and church leaders to spiritually neglect their families?
2. How can congregations help support and encourage their pastors to put their ministry to their own families first?



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27th July - Session 2 - It starts with me!

By Ben Freudenburg and Jennifer Freudenburg

## *Summary:*

Jennifer and I believe that the church needs to move to the next level of discipleship. The church has been great at discipling individuals through an age specific discipleship system. But today, we believe that Christ is calling His bride, the church, to focus on discipling families. But, if this is going to happen it must start in the Church worker's home. I learned the hard way that "It starts With Me".

### The Crisis in Our Church Worker Home:

To make a long story short, I worked day and night in the church developing and delivering ministry programs to nurture children and youth in Christ because I knew it would make a better tomorrow. This is what I was called to do and I sacrificed my marriage and family on the church's altar for work in the church. And I didn't even know I was doing it or that I wasn't being a Godly husband, father and minister.

I realized Jennifer was right. I did have a mistress! Her name was the Church. I was neglecting my family, and what I cherished most. You can read more about it in my book, *The Family Friendly Church*, but this awakening was real. I was heartbroken, for God's Spirit convicted me through Jennifer my helper. Thinking back to that time in my life, the first 25 years of our marriage, I am ashamed for my lack of involvement with my Jennifer and our daughters.