

# FAMILY SUMMIT

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The strongest multigenerational families in western culture hold annual family reunions.

It's a time to catch up, honor the elders in the family and reconnect to who we all are as members of the same family line.

Reunions are great and we should work hard to host them or attend them when we can. And while a family reunion is an effective tool for honoring the multigenerational nature of the family it doesn't really reflect the idea of family as a team on mission.

When does the family develop strategy?

When does the family take an honest look at the scoreboard to see if the team is winning?

How does a family set objectives and aim the resources of the family at accomplishing our mission?

The best place for this critical work to take place is at an annual family summit.

There are three levels of family summits depending on how many descendants you have down stream.

## **LEVEL 1 IS THE COUPLE'S SUMMIT.**

If you are pre-kids or all your kids are under 10 years old this is most likely going to be a strategic getaway with just you and your spouse. But you are planting the seeds for something much larger to grow in the future.

## **LEVEL 2 IS THE FAMILY SUMMIT.**

This is when we start involving kids who are single and working with you as a team. We tend to see it helpful to involve kids in summits around the age of 10.

## LEVEL 3 IS THE MULTIGENERATIONAL FAMILY SUMMIT.

This is when married kids and possibly even grandkids come to the annual summit.

We are going to spend most of our time outlining ways to establish or level up your couple's summit because that is where most of you are at but we'll also include some tips for the other two for older families and to show younger families where this can go.

But first, take a few minutes and discuss your current thoughts and experiences regarding family summits.

- 1. Have you ever been a part of a planning getaway in any other context - work, team, ministry? How did it go? What did you like or not like about it?**

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- 2. What do you think are the biggest advantages of doing a summit?**

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**3. What do you feel might be some pitfalls to avoid?**

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**4. On a scale of 1-10 how excited are you to try (or level up) your family summit? Why?**

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Choosing to initiate this kind of annual rhythm can feel a little risky to some. If you don't plan you don't experience failure. But it's important to remember this is a multi-year project and a skill you get better at every year.

If you stick with it and as your family begins to expand generationally you'll find this is one of the most powerful tools in coordinating and accomplishing Kingdom missions through your family that can change the world.