

**Royal Redeemer
Going Deeper Guide**

Based on the sermon for August 8, 2021:
Parenting in the 21st Century: Gift



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS
Community or family**

● **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Share a high or a low from the last week

● **GROW** *in Christ*

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

2 In vain you rise early and stay up late,

toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

3 Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Psalm 127

1. How does our culture define marriage and family? How does that differ from the church's definition?

2. Think about the families of the Bible. What stands out to you? Are they very different from our modern families? How so?

3. Jesus entered our world and identified with us as human beings. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27, How are we to be his hands and feet, extensions of his love and sacrifice in the world?

4. How are you aligning the small picture of your family's story to the big picture of God's story?

● **SERVE** *others*

What are some small, everyday steps you might take in your family to be pointed out as a blessing for others this week?

● **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**