

## RESOURCE

# Reflection on Faith Formation in Your Context

Reflect on how well your church and faith formation serves, equips, supports, and resources parents and the whole family. Use the following eight characteristics as a guide for reflection.

***How well does each characteristic describe family faith formation in your church?*** Rate how much you agree with each statement. 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neutral/unsure, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree. Identify the ways that your church is addressing each characteristic through relationships, programs, activities, and resources. Conclude by analyzing your current approaches and identifying how your church can strengthen family faith formation.

1. Our church helps parents (or caregivers) grow in faith and discipleship and practice a vital and informed Christian faith. Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:
2. Our church helps grandparents grow in faith and discipleship and practice a vital and informed Christian faith. Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:
3. Our church teaches parents the practices for forming faith at home (for example, celebrating rituals and milestones, praying, serving, learning the Christian faith, reading the Bible). Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:
4. Our church teaches grandparents the practices for forming faith at home. Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:
5. Our church equips parents with the knowledge and skills for parenting today. Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:
6. Our church provides experiences for the whole family that promote growth in faith and discipleship. Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:

7. Our church provides families with resources to nurture growth in Christian faith and practice at home. Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:
  
8. Our church connects with families at home through social media and a website with content for family faith practices and parent formation. Your rating: 1-2-3-4-5  
Ways our church addresses this characteristic:

### **Analysis**

- What are the strengths in our current approaches to programming? What do we need to continue doing?
- What do we need to stop doing?
- What needs to be strengthened or improved?
- What needs to be expanded or needs to be extended to reach and engage more families or parents?
- What do we need to start doing? What new initiatives need to be created to address gaps in lifelong faith formation, to respond to new needs and challenges, or to engage new audiences?