

# MAN AS THE CHAPLAIN— DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As the Chaplain, you are to set the spiritual climate within your home. What do you want the spiritual climate in your home to look like? Be specific. How can you achieve this? Write out a plan.
2. As the spiritual leader and head of the home, Dad must often make personal sacrifices, following the model of Jesus (Eph. 5:25). Can you think of any personal sacrifices you have made or should be making for your kids and wife? If you don't have a family of your own yet, can you think of what sacrifices you may need to make once you do?
3. As the family chaplain, you are also meant to provide vision. Have you asked God to give you vision for your family? If so, what is it God may be calling you and your family to in the days and years ahead? If not, what might be getting in the way of you hearing God's vision and how can you be seeking that vision?
4. Once you have sought and received vision for your family, pray it over, think it through, and write it down. Then you need to communicate it in a clear and compelling way. What are some specific ways you can provide your wife and kids with direction toward realizing that vision?

5. You were encouraged to see things in life through a biblical lens, but the first step is familiarity with the Scriptures. Rate yourself, one to ten, on general Bible knowledge. What steps can you take to get a better handle on the Bible?
6. How can you help your family see things in life through a biblical lens?
7. As the chaplain, you need to be able to explain, both in common sense and in biblical terms, why certain things like same-sex marriage and abortion are wrong. How would you explain this to your family if they were sitting with you right now?
8. The chaplain has a prophetic role of identifying the signs of the times, seeing how they line up with biblical prophecy, and how they portend that Jesus's return is imminent. Can you identify a few of these, right now, and how you think they point to how we are moving closer to Jesus's return?
9. One of the most tragic circumstances our American society is facing is the increasing number of fatherless children. It is important for children to have present fathers in their lives. This means not just living with them but actually being involved in their lives. If you have children, or plan to, how can you be more present in their lives?
10. Have you spoken a blessing over your wife and kids? If not, start by trying to come up with something you can say in a blessing over them—what would it involve? Again, pray it over, think it through, and write it down. Then make plans to confer this blessing on a special day in the life of that family member or plan to do it as a group.