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Talk about them when you sit at home.





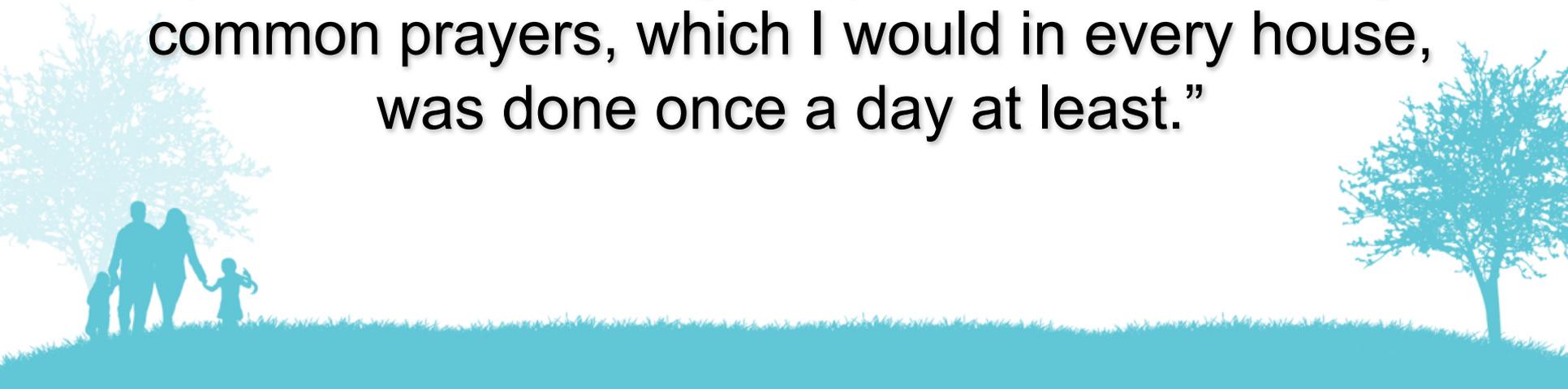
Family Worship in the Early Church

Clement of Alexandria (153-217) preached that husband and wife should practice united prayer and Scripture reading every morning.



Family Worship in the Reformation

John Knox, 1557, “You must make your children partakers in reading Scripture, and in making common prayers, which I would in every house, was done once a day at least.”

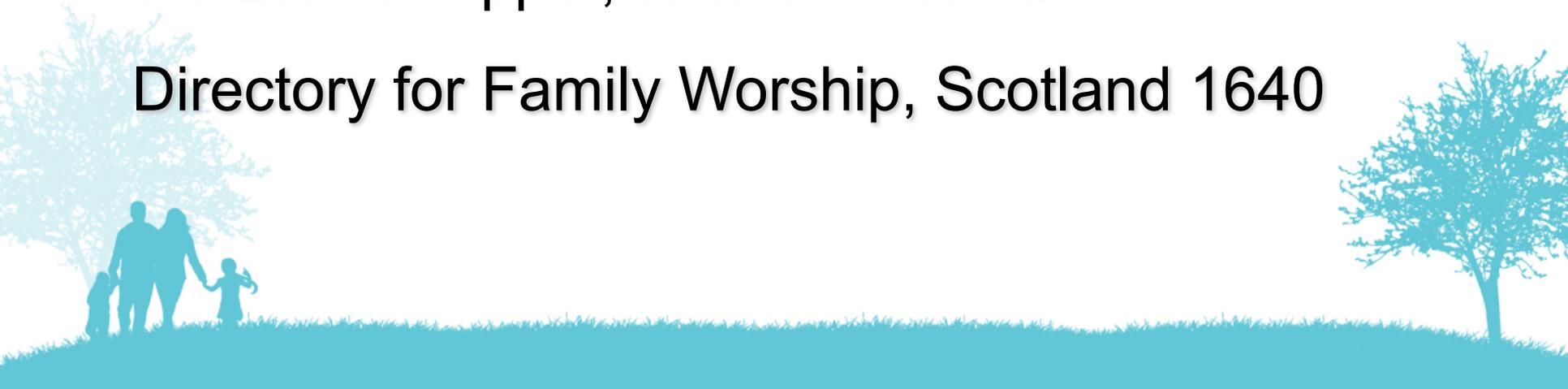


The assembly requires and appoints ministers to make diligent search and inquiry, whether there be among them a family or families which neglect the duty of family worship. If such a family is found, the head of the family is to be admonished privately to amend his fault;

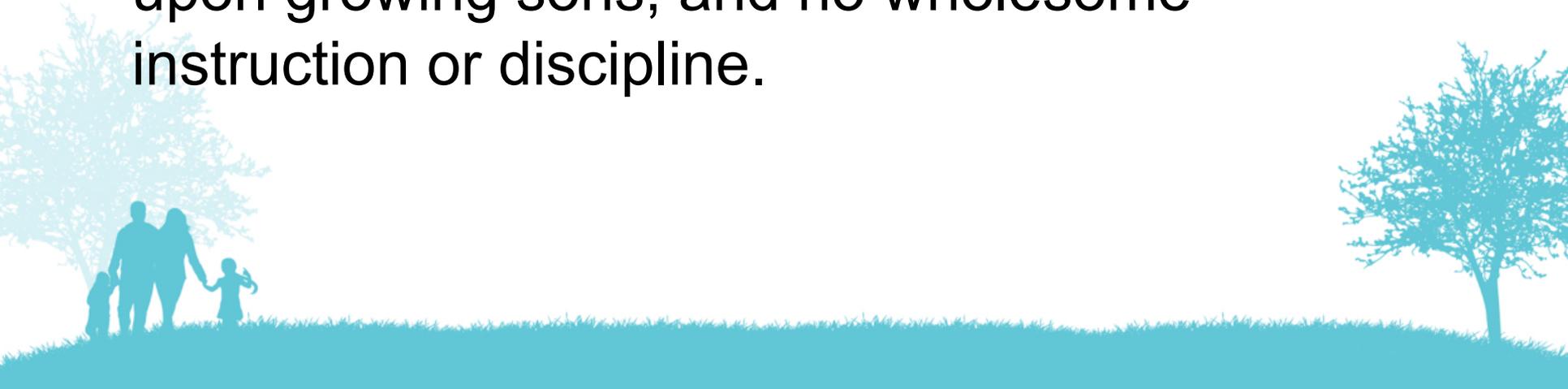


...and in case of his continuing therein, he is to be gravely and sadly reprov'd by the session; after which reproof, if he is found still to neglect family worship, let him be, for his obstinacy in such an offense, suspended and debarred from the Lord's supper, until he amend.

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We deeply want a revival of domestic religion. The Christian family was the bulwark of godliness in the days of the puritans, but in these evil times hundreds of families of so-called Christians have no family worship, no restraint upon growing sons, and no wholesome instruction or discipline.



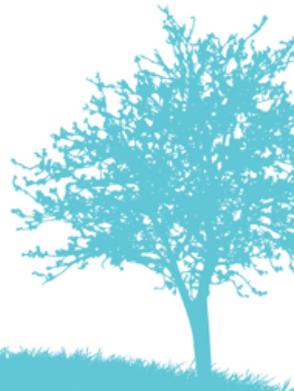
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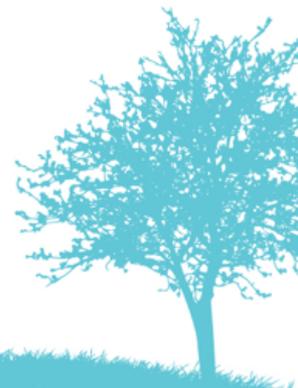
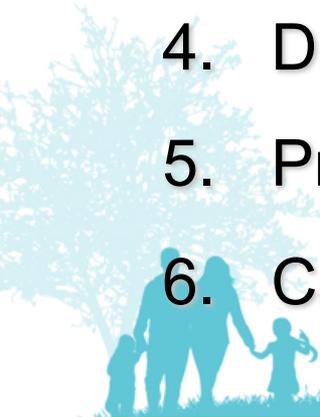
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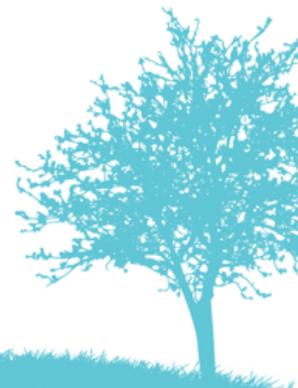
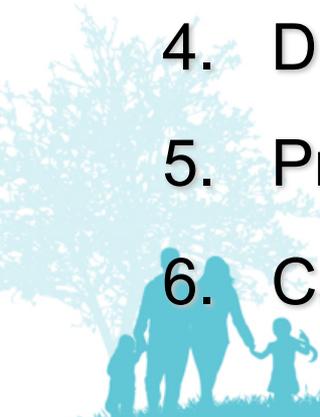
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Questions for Discussion

1. What have been some barriers/obstacles to having regular family worship time in your home?
2. What is “the next step” for your family to deepen your practice of family worship? When can you take that step?

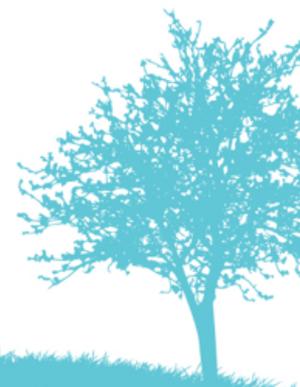


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