## Lesson 6: Impacting Your Kids for Life

- 1. Viewing the world in which we live, do you think Jesus would tell us the same thing He told Martha (Luke 10.41-42a)?
- 2. A popular song announces, "I want it all and I want it NOW!" How does that mindset hurt our families?
- 3. Chris Morley writes, *"If everyone had five minutes to live, phone lines would be jammed with people sending out final words of affection to their families."* What does this say about the importance of relationships? And . . . if what he says is true, why do we allow so many other things to get in the way?
- 4. Do you agree that kids (generally) are pushed to grow up too fast these days? Why? and what do you think can be done that would allow children to be ... *children*?

5. Do you ever feel like a glorified taxi driver? With four children in the household, we had this rue: one extra-curricular activity at a time. Even then it was difficult. What rules have you set in place that ensures that your family has some margin; some breathing room?

6. Have you know parents who were rigid to the extreme – paranoid that their children might get hurt, afraid to let them out of their sight (even to the point of spending the night with grandparents), or to say "Yes!" to any reasonable request? What usually happens to those kids as they grow up?

7. What Scripture relating to parenting has meant the most to you? What place do you go to get some solitude and speak with God? What person(s) has been able to give you wise advice that has helped you as a parent?

8. Highlight Psalm 46.10. What does it say to you in light of our busy lives?

9. Someone once write about the three rules for living: (1) People are more important than things, (2) People are more important than things, and (3) People are more important than things. Do you agree? Now commit those three rules to memory.