

The Concurrently Companion



Episode 52: Liturgy and literacy amid modern challenges (Part I)

Topic introduction

Today we're doing something reflective for the new year. Even with the many unique challenges to our education process—from our discipleship process to the modern world in which we live—we can point to many good practices from the past, such as liturgies that promote good discipleship, cultural literacy, and biblical literacy.

Key terms: *liturgy, literacy, redemptive narrative, redemptive intention*

Questions

How do we guard literacy and liturgy, as believing parents and educators, for the sake of cultural, familial, and ecclesiastical (church) renewal? Pray over this question together.

What “liturgies” of the age press in to your family or have shaped your work expression or church culture? What practices are good that you can affirm? Which ones need boundaries? What can that look like in the new year?

How does observing the church calendar allow us to remember? What does it allow us to remember?

What is good in creation, in our lives, for which we can give thanks? Pray with thanksgiving together.

Where do we have need of confession, in what areas could we seek repentance to bring greater life and refreshment and renewal by His Spirit? Pray your confession together in light of the gospel which covers you.

What hope do we have in Christ? What do we see in His model that we would like to see in our lives? Pray for this fruit together.

Look back: What habits or disciplines have you installed for yourself or your children, that you've returned to again and again and developed as your children have grown?

What are the intentional liturgies that you practice/have practiced towards greater health and greater engagement in the Lord's world?

Look forward and plan, steering away from legalism, approaching the year with the curiosity that comes from being covered by and filled with His grace. Ask yourself:

In what ways can I create space and intentional action that shapes our thoughts, beliefs/loves, and actions that flow out into the world?

What practices are fitting for our family personality and needs?

What can I incorporate into my classroom?

In what ways can we redeem the interruptions? The interactions with technology?

What ways do we need to stretch—challenge ourselves—towards growth in Christ?

Where can you lean into, even maximize, boredom and find greater margin?

What challenging read have you always wanted to take on? With whom could you find accountability/community to maximize the learning?

Scriptural anchors/provision

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. . . .
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. — Luke 2:40, 52

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