



Study Guide for Groups  
**Episode: Taking Time for Family**  
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**Listen to the interview with Martin Marty, then discuss the following questions.**

- Share some of your first thoughts after hearing Martin Marty's story. What stood out to you? What do you remember the most?
- Martin discussed some of the sacrifices he and his wife made to have a larger family and take in foster children. What are some of the sacrifices you have made for family? How did you feel about those sacrifices then and now?
- Martin discussed how the loss of his wife tested "what ... we really believe." What tests of faith have you faced? What did you learn about yourself and your faith in the process? How did you change?
- How do you carve out time for your family?
- What do you remember most about the family you grew up in? What were the positive memories? Do you have negative memories as well?
- How were you shaped by where you grew up? If you moved a lot, what impact did that have?
- In "Burton's Blog" on the *Shaping Families* website for July 31, he talks about the importance of creating memories with your children. If you are a parent, what are your special memories of times with your children? What memories are you trying to create for them?
- Did your parents nurture you in faith? Share your faith journeys with each other.
- Do you remember your first exposure to people of other races or ethnicities? If so, how did that impact you? Perhaps you have always lived in a multi-ethnic situation. How did that affect your outlook on others?

**Listen to this week's "Potluck" segment with Rebecca Thatcher Murcia, immediately following the interview with Martin Marty. Then discuss the following question.**

- Rebecca says that Martin's story reminds us of the importance of taking time for family and slowing down. Name one or two ways you would like to slow down and take more time for yourself or for your family. What would you have to do or what would have to happen in order to make these happen?