

NEW RESEARCH FINDINGS FOR CHURCHES\*

# FAMILIES, FAITH & COVID-19

Research collaboration: Liverpool Hope University, Evangelical Alliance, NICER (Canterbury Christchurch University), Parenting for Faith, Care for the Family, Hope Together and Share Jesus International.

\*UK survey participants: 175 church leaders and 209 parents of children aged 0-16.

## The church still has a role to play!

86% of parents surveyed took their children to church to support their child's faith nurture.



## Parents use opportunities at home

96% of parents said that they regularly discuss faith together and encourage their child's faith journey.



92% want to instil Christian beliefs, habits and practices in their child.

A great opportunity for churches to support families with this!

## Partnership is Key

91% of parents do **NOT** want the church to be the sole provider of spiritual support for their child.

93% of church leaders did **NOT** think that the church should be the sole spiritual support for children.

99% of parents want the church to work in partnership with families to nurture children's faith together.

97% of church leaders want to work in partnership also.

## Churches resourcing families



88% want the church to provide activities and resources to equip families for their own spiritual growth

60% of churches surveyed provided resources for parents to use at home to grow and develop their child's faith

It would be great to develop this area within our UK churches

## What helps Christian parents?

75% of parents reported that relationships in church were a support.

Many asked for churches to pray for their specific family needs, facilitate mutual parental support, provide resources to encourage faith conversations at home, convey a culture of expectation to be doing discipleship at home, foster role modelling within congregations, and provide parent's spiritual retreats.

## Helpful websites

[Parenting for Faith](#)  
[Care for the Family - The Kitchen Table Project](#)