

*“Is there a better way to teach the Truth to my children?”*

LOCAL (NZ) CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS  
WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR ...

At this one-day interactive Seminar we will discuss important tools and principles to seed and grow strong Christian families. We will hear how a strong family is built around solid biblical principles and needs support from a strong church family. At times churches seem to be competing with parents for the hearts and minds of our children, rather than complementing and uniting families. We will hear how this can happen and discuss ways to better integrate family and church life.

You will hear from parents who are actively involved in raising their children in the ways of the Lord and desire to encourage others. Take advantage of this opportunity to take a day out to learn and prayerfully consider the best way to grow your strong Christian family.

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR 2014

*Sowing seeds about how to grow strong Christian families*

# September 13<sup>th</sup> LEVIN, NZ

<b>VENUE</b>	<b>541 Queen Street East Levin, Horowhenua, NZ</b>
<b>TIME</b>	9:00am – 8:30 pm <i>Doors open from 8:30am for registration</i>
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Online: <a href="http://j.mp/FamilySeminar2014">http://j.mp/FamilySeminar2014</a> or E-mail: <a href="mailto:bart@vanderwee.kiwi.nz">bart@vanderwee.kiwi.nz</a>
<b>INVESTMENT</b>	<b>\$25/FAMILY FOR EARLY REGISTRATION</b> (before 1 Sept) <b>\$10/PERSON or \$35/FAMILY</b> (after 1 Sept or on the day) <i>Children’s Programme \$2.50/child up to max. \$10.00/family</i>
<b>PAYMENT TO</b>	<b>Home Education Foundation 03-0726-0495399-00</b> <i>Please use your surname &amp; “SowingSeeds” as reference</i>
<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>Bart or Alison (06) 342 7570</b>

### GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



**Jason Winslade**  
Pastor-elder of the age-integrated Redemption church, Christchurch. Home educator, father of four.



**Kris Baines**  
Pastor-elder, home educator, father of seven, with a ministry in the restoration of Biblical Manhood.



**Samuel Blight**  
Home educating father of seven, from the rugged West Coast. A Deputy Chief Executive in his spare time.

## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Time	Session	
8:30		<b>REGISTRATION</b>
9:00	<b>Welcome</b>	Introduction and opening comments
9:15	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>'State of the Nation: How Are We Doing in NZ?'</b> Facing the problems in our homes, our culture and our churches
10:00	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>'Home Education or Biblical Discipleship?'</b> Making the transition from education to discipleship.
10:45		<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11:15	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>'The Need For a New Kind of Father'</b> The critical role a father has within the life of his family
12:00	<b>Interactive 1</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>
12:30	<b>Session 4</b>	<b>'Age integration in churches'</b> . Introducing ideas for better integrating family and church
1:00		<b>LUNCH</b>
1:40	<i>Optional Workshop</i>	<i>Learn about the benefits of home education, the exemption certificate process and how to get started in home educating.</i>
2:00	<b>Session 5</b>	<b>'Age Integrated Church – Our Journey'</b> . Experience transitioning from an age-segregated to an age-integrated church model.
2:55	<b>Interactive 2</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Q&A Opportunity /review presentations
3:15		<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
3:45	<b>Session 6</b>	<b>'Where the Rubber meets the Road'</b> A working family economy – making family business work
4:00	<b>Session 7</b>	<b>'Family Economics 101'</b> Family economy – Why? How? Who?
4:45	<b>Session 8</b>	<b>'Living &amp; working together'</b> . Vision in action. Describing a working family economy & vision
5:30		<b>DINNER</b>
7:00	<b>Welcome Back</b>	<b>Children's Presentation</b> Children's programme presentation
7:20	<b>Session 9</b>	<b>Testimonial.</b> Growing up as a Christian homeschooler & carrying this through to the next generation
7:35	<b>Session 10</b>	<b>'Practical tips on family Devotions'</b> Encouragement regarding family devotions
8:10	<b>Interactive 3</b>	<b>Wrap up</b> Review, next steps, actions
		<b>SUPPER</b>

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CHILDRENS PROGRAMME

Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the main hall for the seminar talks, but we appreciate it's a full day so we are making a children's programme available for 5-12 year olds.

A team of committed young people (both current and graduate home educated) are leading the programme which will focus on the character quality of loyalty using Scripture verses, Bible stories, songs and crafts. Siblings are not split up and older children are encouraged to help the younger ones.

If you wish your children to attend some of the children's programme and some sessions in the main hall with you, just let one of the children's team leaders know.

### MEALS

**Lunch:** BYO for each family/individual.

**Dinner:** Shared dinner – please bring a quantity to share that would be enough to feed your family.

**Morning/afternoon tea:** Hot drinks will be provided. We would appreciate if families could bring a plate of finger food to share for these breaks.

### ACCOMMODATION

For those requiring overnight accommodation please ask and we can put you in touch with families or accommodation facilities.

Those who live within an hour or so of the seminar - if you are able to have a family to stay please advise us and we will put them in touch with you.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

1. To bring parents and families together to grow friendships and support networks.
2. To encourage home-education as a means for fostering unity in families and making disciples.
3. To provide a vision and strategies for transitioning from home schooling to home discipleship.
4. To consider how God has designed church life and family life to bless each other, and explore the benefits of age-integrated church models.
5. To introduce the concept and explore the benefits of family economies/businesses.

### WHO SHOULD COME TO THIS SEMINAR

- Home educating families
- Families and young adults looking to catch a vision for family and church
- People interested in restoring Biblical manhood
- People interested in building stronger unity between family and church
- Those concerned at the numbers of young people abandoning the Christian faith