

#### **IV. When and Where Do We Communicate?**

Remember Deuteronomy 6:4-9 – “...at home, along the road, when you lie down or get up...” means *everywhere* and *all the time*!

#### **Conclusion**

Parenting is a giant act of faith. This communicating in a biblical manner the truths of scripture is seed sowing. We wait to see what comes up. By faith we wait – and pray – and trust.

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**Course Outline:**

Week 1 – God’s Purpose for the Family

Week 2 – The Ministry of the Family

Week 3 – Family Worship

Week 4 – Getting to the Heart of Behavior

**Week 5 – Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts**

Week 6 – What to Do When You Can’t Reach the Heart

Week 7 – Corrective Discipline: The Rod of Correction

Week 8 – Boys & Fatherhood

Week 9 – Girls & Motherhood

Week 10 – Panel discussion

Week 11 – Children, Technology & Social Media

Week 12 – Zealous Spiritual Parenting

Week 13 – Lessons Kids (and Adults) Need to Learn: Proverbs

## **Parenthood Core Seminar**

### **Week 5**

### **Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts**

#### **I. Why Do We Communicate?**

Answer #1: We *image* God when communicate.

Answer #2: We are commanded by God to communicate truth to our kids. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

What’s at stake?

*“After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. They forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers ....” Judges 2:10-12*

We communicate so that our children may know God and what he has done for us in Christ – and in so doing LIVE!

## **II. What Do We Communicate?**

We need to train our children to think biblically. References: Romans 8:29, Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 55:10-11; Heb 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16.

## **III.**

### **How Do We Communicate?**

Are you a lawgiver? Cop? Warden?

- **RULES**
- **CORRECTION**
- **DISCIPLINE**
  - *but also* --
  - Encouragement
  - Rebuke
  - Entreaty
  - Instruction
  - Warning
  - Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:14 – “And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. “

**Rebuke:** A rebuke censures behavior.

**Entreaty:** Earnest and intense communication; pleading, urging.

**Instruction or teaching:** The process of providing a lesson, a precept or information that will help your children to understand their world.

**Warning:** Warnings put our children on guard against a probable danger.

**Prayer:** Communication with God, but still an essential element of communication between the parent and the child.