

PARENTING ON PURPOSE

SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Session 3: The Parenting Seasons

Big Idea

There are four specific seasons of parenting, but most parents are parenting in the wrong season. Each season is marked by a certain age (0-5 yrs., 5-12 yrs., 12-19 yrs., and 19+yrs) in which your child needs a certain type of parenting. Knowing what season you are in with your child will establish a healthier family life. You will also be learning the influence of Positive Conscious Training, which encourages and reinforces your family values. Teaching and modeling the “moral reasons why” will prepare them for their final season in your home and beyond.

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss what season your children are in presently. What are your favorite things about this season? What are the challenges you are facing in this season?
2. Can you think of a time you have seen “parenting in the wrong season”? How are you challenged or how do you balance parenting in the right season?
3. All of us have reacted in a moment of “conflict”. What are the benefits of parenting during “non-conflict?”
4. Often parents are on different pages in their approach to parenting. How can you work with your spouse this week to be on the same page with your approach to discipline, training, coaching, and friendship?

Next Steps

Staying focused on the proper season for each child is imperative. Unfortunately, many parents stay stuck in one season. Each season has its own challenges and rewards but it’s important to recognize that God has equipped you for every season and every activity under heaven. God has appointed these times in your family’s life and He will work through your every weakness and multiply your every success.

Scripture

“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1