

EPHESIANS

6:1-4

KEEPING YOUR PARENTS IN LINE AND YOUR KIDS ON YOUR TEAM

The Common Thread in Ephesians 5 & 6

Every relationship is shaped by your _____.

For Children (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Two Commands: "Obey" and "Honor"

Why?

1. It's just _____.
2. It's how you _____.
3. Life will generally _____.

For Parents (Ephesians 6:4)

Two Commands: "Don't Provoke/Exasperate" and "Deliberately Disciple"

Why?

1. You want a _____.

2. You want to _____ for life.

Some Suggestions

1. Live _____ in front of them.
2. Be clear what _____.
3. Do what's _____, even when _____.

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor Jeff's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. What best describes the parents you had?

"Don't you know that that knick-knack belongs one inch to the left?!"

"Here, let me show you how."

"Dumb kid....you'll never make anything of yourself."

"What's Jesus showing you recently?"

"Let's play catch."

Or, "_____"

2. Parents: What did you find 'works' when trying to get your kids to obey?

And, what did you find doesn't 'work'?

3. Why might you think Paul addresses "Fathers" when he says, "Don't exasperate your children"?

4. If asked, how would you describe to another parent what it means to "disciple" rather than just 'discipline' their children?