

Sunday School

Parenting Series: Week Three | Vision for Parenting

Week 1 – Trusting God in Parenting

Big Idea: Wise parents trust the Lord for their kids, and kids benefit from the faith of parents.

1. Confidence in the Lord – Resting in the Lord as we battle our anxiety
2. Refuge for children – Modeling for our kids how to cast their cares on Jesus
3. Joy and Purpose in the Christian Household – how can we be a community where our families are sharpened to confidently and courageously follow Jesus in this world.

Week 2 Faithful Parents – Generational Righteousness

[Big Idea] Your children are watching. What are they seeing? We need to be intentional about following Christ in the way we live and communicate His story clearly to them.

1. Faithfulness as a way we live life – the gospel should be changing our hearts
2. Inviting kids into righteous life – we need to be sharing who we are in Christ with our kids.
3. God's faithfulness to bless faith (taking the long view) – we trust that God is faithful in our lives with our kids.

Week 3 Vision for Parenting

Today's Parenting Proverb: Proverbs 22:6 | Train up a child in the way they should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it

[Big Idea] Our goal is not to raise happy and entertained kids or even successful kids. We are called to raise children who as adults will love the

Lord with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, and love their neighbors as themselves.

Outline: 2 Cor 4:7-18

1. The power for Christians (parents included) – v. 7
2. Selfless life for evangelism – v. 8-15
3. Eternal perspective – v. 16-18

I. 2 Cor 4:7 The Power for Christians (parents included)

[Discussion] What does it look like for you to rest in God's grace?

II. 2 Cor 4:8-15 Selfless Life For Evangelism

[Discussion] Have you given any thought into how to build intentional time with your kids for the purpose of just letting them talk and allowing yourself to listen?

III. 2 Cor 4:16-18 Eternal Perspective

[Discussion] How does your work as a parent look different when you keep your eyes on eternity?

[Extension Activity]: At dinner (or breakfast, or in the car, etc.) this week, ask your kid(s) what kind of character they want to have when they're grown-up—how they want to treat others, what they want other people to say about them, what traits of Jesus' life they want to see in their own. With older kids, this is a good place to ask about men or women in the church that they admire and why. Use their answers as the beginning of a conversation about living all of life with and for Jesus.