

It's Just a Phase Small Group Session 2

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Warm Up Questions:

- 1) "I've turned into my Mother/Father!" We have heard folks exclaim that after having kids for a few years- Have you experienced that- what brought about that reaction?
- 2) What is something that you learned from your Mom and Dad that you value? What is something they didn't teach you that you wish they did?

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." (John 13:34, NLT)

Love Powered Parenting:

- 1) Has a goal- _____ God.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16, ESV)

"Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9–11, NLT)

- 2) Provides us a new _____ to follow.

"One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." (Matthew 19:13–14, NLT)

- 3) Helps me see the _____.

- 4) Draws from a new _____.

"We love each other because he loved us first." (1 John 4:19, NLT)

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Divide the Bible Verses among you different group members and read each verse to the group celebrating Gods love. Share an observation you learn about God's love from your verse. Psalm 86:5, Psalm 57:10, Psalm 36:7, Isaiah 54:8, Roman 8:1, Roman 9:38-39, 1 John 3:1, John 3:16, 1Joh 4:10, John 15:9.
- 2) How can being reminded of God's love toward you and for you help you love your children better?
- 3) If you imagined yourself having a "love tank" (like a gas tank) and out of this you were able to act in love toward your children, what are ways you could to refill your tank with God's love when you are feeling like you are running on empty.