

## Relationships: Parenting

TEXT: Ephesians 6, Deuteronomy 6

BIG IDEA: Christian families are marked by discipleship.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Redeemer Covenant Members – have your photos either of the next two Sundays for a new directory.
  - Christmas Worship Night – December 17 at 5pm. Check the weekly Redeemer email for info on food.
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### LEADING OFF...

1. How are you like your parents?
2. Are there any things you say or do that are family traits?

### Read Ephesians 6:1-4

3. What is the important truth communicated here to children?
4. Why is this a critical truth?
5. What is the spiritual state of our children when they are born?
6. How does this affect the way we parent, when we view our children in this way?
7. Do you have any examples to share? For the singles, perhaps you have observed this in other families or can share from your childhood.
8. What is a heavy temptation for parents in regards to our children's behavior?
9. What does this communicate to children?
10. What is a good, gospel response to our children when they do wrong?
11. In verse 4, what is Paul teaching about *"the discipline and instruction of the Lord"*, and why is this so important?

### Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

12. What is our number one role as parents?
13. What is this "big story of the Bible"? Can someone share it?
14. What are the dangers of being passive in disciplining our children?
15. How is raising children spiritual warfare? How should this motivate us to disciple them?
16. In verse 7, what is being communicated about how we do this?
17. What are some practical ways we teach diligently and communicate the gospel with them?
18. What would you say is the ultimate goal of successful parenting?
19. What are some ways we communicate to our children what is most important?
20. Regarding our children's salvation, what are some dangers and temptations in wanting to merely check some boxes and get our children to have the right answers?
21. If we purpose to focus on continuing belief and repentance in our children, what might that cultivate in our homes?
22. Verses 8-9 speak to the culture of our homes. Discuss the challenges to creating a gospel-centered culture in our homes?

### Wrapping Up

23. How does God do for us what we can't do ourselves in parenting?