

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: LAUNCH: an Inside Out Series
Message Title: Commitment Sunday Celebration
Speaker: Kids & Students
Date: October 30, 2016

UP NEXT

- Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the lobby. Our goal this year is 800 boxes.
- Baptism Sunday is November 20th. If you or someone you know would like to be baptized please register online.
- Reality 101 is Sunday, November 6th at 6:00pm

MAIN IDEA

Parents are Primary

INTRODUCTION

- Last week we read in Deuteronomy chapter 6:4-9 how Moses laid out a plan for parents to be the primary spiritual influence in the lives of their children. This week as we celebrate the Launch/Inside Out Project we continue learning this basic and important truth.

DISCUSSION

- Have someone read this passage: **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

⁴ "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

VIEW ONLINE

Using either your Apple TV, Roku, Web Browser, or Mobile App, navigate to Right Now Media (rightnow.org) and search for and watch the video...

***Parents Discipling Kids* by Phil Vischer**

After viewing the video...

- Question for Parents: Do you feel like you hold the majority of the influence in your child's life? If not, who or what do you feel holds the majority of influence?
- Question for Students/Young Adults: Who would you say holds the majority of influence in your life?
- Phil stated that it's not important to have all the answers but what is important is that you are willing to go with your kids on a journey to finding the answers.
 - Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

- We have recently learned that no one is exempt from launching the next generation of children and students. This is obvious if you have your own children but less obvious if you are childless or your children are grown. However, the truth remains that we are a church, ALL of us, and the call to launch the next generation falls on ALL of us. Our Children & Student Ministry leaders want everyone (especially parents) to realize we need to take this responsibility seriously. The Church can provide formal training for children and teens but the formal living that parents exemplify far exceeds any formal training the church could offer.
- Travis shared Sunday that there is an enemy that wants to steal, kill and destroy not just you, but your family and your children. There is so much debris and shrapnel in the world around us from this spiritual war, we really don't have to look far to see it.
- The church is the body of Christ. People teaching kids, creating safe and fun environments, making coffee, rocking babies, playing music, giving financially, etc. As we build we will need more people to step up and lead this next generation and that looks different for everyone.
 - Where do you fit? What has God placed on and in you?
- Many people wish they could go back and have a conversation with their 'younger-self'. Maybe as a child, maybe as a teen, college freshman or young adult and offer wisdom and guidance.
 - What guidance or wisdom would you impart to yourself and at which age?
- During the service Sunday, we heard the testimony of two families of students (Wallman & Barnes) who have been impacted by the Children's and Student ministries at Reality Church.
 - How have you or your family been impacted by the church's focus on partnering with families?
- Have someone read [\(John 16:33\)](#)
 - According to the passage above, our hope should be placed in Christ and not in this world.
 - In your own life how are you showing the next generation where your hope & security is?
 - Are there things in your life now that you are placing your hope into, that are of no lasting value?

APPLY IT

- Please share something that God revealed to you over the last 30 days of praying for the next generation.
- Consider filling out a commitment/Pledge card for the Inside Out Project. You can fill this form out online if you prefer at reality.church/launch.

NEXT STEPS

- Visit reality.church/launch for more information