

Intentional Parenting: Class 2

- I. Two Questions to Consider:
 - A. Are we aware as parents it is primarily our responsibility to disciple our children?
 1. For years parents have dropped their kids off at youth group or church hoping the church will teach them, or they go to church with their kids, but don't feel they know enough about the bible to disciple their children.
 - B. As parents do we feel inadequate to disciple our children?
 1. If so, let's start off with some biblical truths to help prepare us to disciple our children.

- II. We can raise kids who love us, love themselves, live morally upright, and who are ridiculously successful, but if they don't treasure Christ our parenting has missed the mark.

- III. The Kitchen
 - A. What are the ingredients of family discipleship?
 1. The Gospel
 2. The Big Story (Biblical Theology)
 3. The Big Truths (Systematic Theology)
 4. The Great Commission
 5. Spiritual Disciplines
 6. Christian Living
 7. Worldview
 - B. The Gospel ~ means Good News
 1. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Romans 1:16, John 3:16, Romans 5:8.
 2. It is crucial that we have a good understanding of the Gospel. Can we explain what Jesus did, why He did it, and what we need to do to have everlasting life?
 3. The truth of God's sovereignty and holiness compels us to reject all so-called gospels that are man-centered.
 4. The good news is not that we should do something, but rather that God has already accomplished salvation for all who will believe in what Jesus has done for us.
 5. There are some false Gospels that we need to be aware of:
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Matthew 10:34: Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

- d) The “Pray the Prayer” False Gospel: This is the granddaddy error of them all. If you have spent much time presenting the gospel to strangers you have probably heard, “I haven’t been to church in years, but I am a Christian-when I was in the fifth grade I prayed and asked Jesus into my heart.” Countless people have been taught, explicitly or implicitly, that saying a particular prayer grants them guaranteed entrance into the celestial city. We know that we are saved by Grace through Faith. No work of man will save us.

6. Continued Good News:

- a) Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:6. Eph: 2:4-9
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C. The Big Story (Biblical Theology): The Big Story Points to God:

1. God is not only in control, He is also Holy. Holiness is most commonly associated with moral purity or perfection, and rightly so, but God’s Holiness also includes His transcendence. This is critical. God must not be reduced in our estimation to a superior version of ourselves. We were created in His image, but God is so much greater than us and so different that if we saw Him in even a tiny fraction of His glory we would immediately die. It is because of this transcendent otherness that no one can come to know God on their own terms. God alone sets the rules for how we relate to Him.
2. Romans 1:18-20
3. The Bible is about God working in the lives of men, women, and children, directing all of history toward a sure conclusion. God is the main character of Scripture and His sovereign grace is vividly on display, from Genesis to Revelation.
4. When we see that the Bible is really telling one Big Story about God and His purposes, we can come to difficult or challenging passages with a far more constructive approach.

D. The Big Truths (Systematic Theology)

1. God’s Word; God’s Character; The Trinity; Creation and God’s Providential Rule; Human Nature and Sin; The Person of Jesus; The Work and Ministry of Jesus; The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit; Salvation; The Church; and Last Things.
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 2. Matthew 28:16-20. FBC mission statement: Ask if there is anyone who can recite it.
- F. Spiritual Disciplines:
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- G. Christian Living:
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May 9 – Joe Houser

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Engage Principle:

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