



MANNA CHURCH HAWAII - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Oct 4, 2026 | Built Different pt. 4 - "Built Different Parenting"

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: What is something FUN your family did growing up that you didn't realize was a "family thing" until you got older?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Malachi 4:5-6 gives us a picture of God turning the hearts of fathers toward their children and the hearts of children toward their fathers. At the heart of Built Different Parenting is the understanding that God is after our hearts. Parenting is not simply about getting children to behave or follow rules. It is about winning their hearts so they know, "I know you care about me. I know you are for me. I know you will provide for me." This reflects the heart of our Heavenly Father, who cares deeply for us, is for us, and provides for us.

There is no such thing as a perfect parent, but we can choose to be present. We will make mistakes, lose our patience, and sometimes get it wrong, but those moments can become opportunities to model humility, repentance, and grace. Our goal is not simply behavior modification, but helping our children know they are loved and pointing them toward God. At the same time, we cannot control our children's hearts or decisions. We can love, teach, model, pray, and guide them, but they ultimately have their own relationship and journey with God.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 reminds us that God's Word is meant to become part of everyday life. We disciple through what we teach, what we model, what we repeat, and what we value. Children do what we do, not just what we say. This means we need to pay attention to what our lives communicate about our priorities. Exodus 20:3 reminds us to put God first, rather than allowing sports, school, activities, success, or anything else to take His place. Whether we are parents or simply have influence in the lives of others, we have an opportunity to help the next generation know they are loved, know we are for them, and see through our lives that God is first.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. Share something that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. Think about someone who had a positive influence on you growing up. What did they do that made you feel like they genuinely cared about you or were for you?
3. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 shows us that teaching God's ways happens in everyday life, not just through formal lessons. What are some things your everyday life may be communicating to your children or the people you influence about what you value most?
4. Malachi 4:6 talks about hearts turning toward one another. What do you think it looks like for us to intentionally turn our hearts toward the people God has placed in our lives? We cannot control another person's choices or relationship with God, but we can control what we model and how we love them. What is one intentional thing you can do this week to help someone in your life know, "I care about you, I am for you, and I want to help you become who God created you to be"?

PRAYER POINTS: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

- Pray for parents, caregivers, and everyone influencing the next generation to have wisdom, patience, humility, and grace as they lead and love.
- Pray for healing and restored relationships where there has been hurt, distance, or misunderstanding.
- Pray that the next generation would know they are deeply loved and encounter God for themselves.
- Pray that our everyday lives would point others toward God and that we would keep Him first in our homes, relationships, schedules, and decisions.

Seek Week (Prayer & Fasting) Happening Oct 12- 16.

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MANNAYOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

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MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

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There is no such thing as a perfect family or perfect relationship. Parents will make mistakes, lose their patience, and sometimes get things wrong. We will also make mistakes with our parents, siblings, friends, teammates, and classmates. But those moments can become opportunities to practice humility, forgiveness, repentance, and grace. We cannot control someone else's choices or relationship with God, but we can choose how we respond, how we treat people, and how we love them. Instead of only focusing on whether someone is behaving the way we want, we can ask, "How can I show this person that I care about them and want the best for them?"

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 reminds us that God's Word is meant to be part of everyday life. We learn from what people teach us, but we also learn from what they do, what they talk about, what they prioritize, and how they respond when life gets hard. Our everyday choices communicate what matters most to us. Exodus 20:3 reminds us to put God first instead of allowing school, homework, sports, friendships, popularity, activities, success, or anything else to take His place. Whether you are a student, sibling, friend, or someone who influences others, you have an opportunity to show people they are loved and point them toward God through the way you live.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. Share one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. Think about someone who has had a positive influence on your life. What did they do that made you feel like they genuinely cared about you or were for you?
3. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 shows us that learning God's ways happens in everyday life, not just at church or during a Bible study. What do your everyday choices, like how you treat your family, handle homework, play sports, talk to friends, or respond when you are frustrated, communicate about what you value most?
4. Malachi 4:6 talks about hearts turning toward one another. What do you think it looks like to intentionally turn your heart toward the people God has placed in your life? What is one intentional thing you can do this week to help someone know, "I am for you, and I want to help you become who God created you to be"?

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Referenced Scripture: Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Exodus 20:3

Theme Verse for “Built Different” Series

1 Peter 1:14-16 CSB *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. ¹⁵ But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, **Be holy, because I am holy.***

Malachi 4:5-6 *Look, I am going to send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse.”*

Built Different Parenting is all about the _____.

_____ is the key that unlocks the door of God’s blessing.

3 Keys to Winning the Heart

- 1) I know you _____
- 2) I know you are for _____
- 3) I know you will _____

3 Parenting Myth-Busters

- 1) There’s no such thing as a _____ parent.

- **Your job is not to be perfect, it’s to be _____.**

- 2) It is your job to _____ your children, not the _____.

How to Transfer of God’s Word:

Teach it → repeat it → discuss it → _____ it → connect it to everyday life.

Telling your kids the right things is not nearly as important as _____ the right things.

- 3) Placing your children before yourself is called _____. Making them first is called _____.

What one generation calls optional, the next calls _____.

Extracurriculars should help _____ a child’s faith, not _____ with it.

Discussion Guide/Going Deeper:



Growth Track:



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