

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

## **Ephesians 6: 1-4**

Making deposits into our children's spiritual bank accounts means trusting in the long term. Allowing God to unfold them according to His Will, and being willing to share our own life mistakes with our children and how we grew from those experiences.

- 1. <u>Celebrate</u> their <u>Uniqueness</u> Although we conceived our children, we are not the one who created them. God created all of us uniquely, so how can you celebrate your child's uniqueness today? How can we teach our children to celebrate their own uniqueness? *Psalm 139:13-14; Isaiah 29:16; Isaiah 64:8; Romans 9:20-21*
- 2. <u>Communicate</u> their <u>Value</u> All of us have value beyond measure as God's creations. What are some distractions you can remove during conversations with your children? How can you listen better? Have you hugged your child today? How do you show appreciation to your children?

Ephesians 5:15-16; Proverbs 12:25; Proverbs 18:21

3. Care for them <u>Unconditionally</u> – We can reject the behavior without rejecting the child. Showing forgiveness and never giving up on them helps our children feel secure and confident that we always stand beside them. Are we showing our children the same compassion and forgiveness that God shows us, or are we holding our children to higher standards than what we hold ourselves to as parents? Is there something you need to forgive your child for? How can we show our children that we will not give up on them no matter what?

1 Corinthians 13:7; Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 4:32

## How do we communicate this VALUE?

- 1. Focused <u>ATTENTION</u>. Give your children your <u>EYES</u>, <u>EARS</u>, and <u>HANDS</u>.
- 2. Physical **AFFECTION**.
- 3. Sincere APPRECIATION.

## What's Next

- What changes do you need to make in your routine to improve your communication with your children?
- How can you do better at valuing your child and showing unconditional love?
- Who will you not merely invite, but bring to church next weekend?