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INTRO & ICE BREAKER

Introduce yourself and answer this: Last week we discussed affirmation and encouragement; where have you experienced opportunities to put this skill into practice this week?

RECAP & DISCUSSION

In this week's message, we celebrated child dedications and Pastor Chris continued our series about home, parenting and family, teaching on the parable of the Prodigal Son. Let's watch the sermon recap video to start!

[\[Sermon Recap Video\]](#)

Discussion: Let's spend a few moments sharing what stood out to us from the message on Sunday. What was new or unexpected? What impacted you the most? What did you talk about after service?

Discussion: As a parent or young adult, how well can you relate to the parable of the prodigal son? Is this scripture more relatable because Jesus' example was not a perfect family, but one with dysfunction and flaws?

Have someone read Luke 15:11-31

Discussion: In this scripture, how do you feel about the actions of the prodigal son, his father, and the older brother? Share how you relate to each of their perspectives?

Consider Pastor Chris' description of the father, running to greet his son. Understanding the world of the bible, how does this change your perspective on how you could respond to your own prodigal family?

Do you find yourself frustrated when God chooses to redeem and restore your prodigal friends or acquaintances?

Pastor Chris shared a template for parenting with stages for each season in our children's development:

- Discipline (0-5) establishing boundaries, consequences and authority
- Training (6-12) gaining understanding and answer their why
- Coaching (13-18) loving guidance
- Friendship (18+) give them space

Discussion: As a parent, how do you relate to these stages of development? Do you find yourself struggling to transition from phase to phase, giving discipline instead of guidance to your teenagers, or being their friend when they need coaching?

For our young adults, what is your experience with these phases of development? What are the lessons you can learn or changes to be made as a result of your experience? What are the ideas you can glean for today as you relate to parents, friends, siblings, and peers?

PRAY

Close out your time together with prayer. Are there any prayer requests or praise/celebrations?

ANNOUNCE

● **Trunk or Treat**

- Sunday, 10/31 from 5-7pm at Centennial!
 - Let's volunteer together, as a Life Group! Decorate your car or volunteer in another area (<https://forms.gle/spbTX7x4WRcTJsNM7>)
 - ourcity.church/kidsevents for more info!
 - This is a great event to invite a friend to!
- **Start a group chat** on WhatsApp or GroupMe with your Life Group! :) Both are free apps that anyone can download. The win for this (over texting) is that you can add in more people as you grow without starting a new chat! This is a great way to stay in touch during the week, send prayer requests and celebrations, and communicate and organize with your group!
We'll see you next week!