

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

COLOSSIANS 3:20-21

INTRODUCTION:

Today's discussion revolves around becoming GREATER in our parenting. What does it look like to raise children God's way? Teaching on this subject doesn't just apply to moms & dads. It applies to grandparents, foster parents, mentors or anyone has any kind of authority over a child.

Nobody wants their kids to grow up and hate God. Most everyone would agree that they want to raise godly kids. The problem is they just don't know how. The discussion today won't answer every question in this arena but it will remind you that you're not alone. It should also give you a starting place for moving forward from where you are.

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: (OPTIONAL)

In what kind of household did you grow up? Traditional or non-traditional? Strict or flexible? Good or bad?

PLAY WEEK THREE VIDEO (10 MINUTES)

This video can be played all at once or it can be paused after each section. After watching the video, you can use the discussion questions to encourage conversation. You don't have to ask every question. You can also ask your own.

DISCUSS:

1. How has the way your parents raised you influenced the way you raise your kids? What are the similarities and differences? Why do you think that is?
2. What's the hardest part of parenting and why?
3. God commands children to obey their parents. Why is this so important?
4. There's a correlation between the obedience of children and an effort by parents to not treat them harshly. How have you seen this play out in your experience?
5. How do you encourage your children to obey from their heart? Why is behavior modification not enough? Share any tips or tricks you've learned for each age or season.
6. The teaching in Col 3:20-21 stems from Paul's general advice about relationships in Colossians 3:12-17. With that in mind, consider some of the following questions.
 - a. How does reflecting on our Heavenly Father's love towards us shape the way we parent our kids?
 - b. Discuss a time when you showed grace to your kids.
 - c. Discuss a time when you showed mercy to them.
 - d. Discuss a time when you had to ask for forgiveness or a time when you had to forgive them.
7. What are 1-2 ways you can encourage & speak life into your kids this week? (If childless, then apply this question to any influence you have over any kids in your life.)