



How To...Life

WEEK 2: Parenting – How Do I Not Screw Them Up?

(Proverbs 22:6, 30-31; Philippians 4:6-7; Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Matthew 22:37; John 13:34-35; Psalm 1:1-3)

In this series, we'll tackle some key areas of life and how they've changed through the COVID pandemic, looking through the lens of the One who knows best—our heavenly Father.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] Besides Google, who in your life do you ask when you need more information? Are these the same people you feel you can ask for help with tasks, like moving furniture?
2. This week we are reminded by Pastor William that kids model the examples provided by adults in their lives. Do you have kids in your circle of family or friends? If the kids in your life “follow the path you are currently taking, will they be more like Jesus”? If you don't have any kids in your circle, how might you provide the non-believers in your life with a consistent model for emulation?
3. Keeping in mind that you can always “start where you are”, what priorities do you want to have going forward? Can you list some challenges you should be aware of as you begin any new habits? What is something you might need to say NO to in order to begin living those priorities?
4. Read Psalm 1:1-3. What do you think the original audience thought about this passage? In today's world, do you have any “wicked” or non-believers in your life that provide you counsel? Do you think you rely on this counsel? What might the impact of that reliance might be? Does any other part of this verse speak to you?
5. Pastor William advises us to look for teachable moments - those moments when you have an opportunity to speak of the Lord. Looking back at the past week, can you see any of those moments with your children, even if you didn't take advantage of them? For those without children in your circle, think of the non-believers you interact with during the week. How might you “teach” the adults in your life?

MOVING FORWARD

What we say NO to is just as important as what we say YES to.

“Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.’”

—Matthew 22:37 (NIV)