



Weird

Week one - "Weird Parenting"

Colossians 3:1-21

Bottom line: As followers of Jesus, our parenting looks different - it's weird, and it leads to extra, weird kids.

1. How did your parents parent you?
2. In 2 Corinthians 5:16-17, Paul says we are a new creation and we no longer have a worldly perspective. How does that make us different? What does it mean to not have a worldly perspective?
3. How does a different perspective change the priorities we might have when it comes to parenting?
4. Read Colossians 3:1-21
 - a. How does Paul describe the differences between how we were before Jesus was raised from the dead, and how we are supposed to be now? What are some of the examples he uses?
 - b. How do Paul's examples apply to parenting?
5. What temptations do we face as parents to give in to worldly perspectives and expectations?
6. How does parenting in a Christian community, i.e. the church, look different?
7. In your groups, take time to pray for each other regarding parenting decisions to align more with what you draw from this passage, discussion, and message. If you or your group are 'empty-nesters', discuss and pray about ways to serve parents and families at Ashley Ridge.

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