

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

What is one thing your family did consistently - good, bad, funny, or meaningful - that stayed with you as you got older?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 3:20-21

- How does recognizing Jesus as Lord change the way both parents and children approach their roles in the family?

- What are some ways parents can unintentionally provoke or discourage their children, and how can those patterns be replaced with patient, Christlike leadership?

- *Hebrews 12:7-11* Discipline cannot be prayerless nor heartless. How can parents ensure their discipline is not prayerless? (Easiest answer ever...)

- *Deuteronomy 6:4-9* The Shema calls parents to diligently teach these their children when sitting in the house, walking along the road, lying down, and rising up. Does this suggest that teaching our children about the Lord should be occasional or constant?

- Parents carry a unique responsibility in raising their children in the Lord, but Scripture also shows that the whole church participates in discipleship and spiritual formation. How can families—and the wider church community, including those without children—work together to help the next generation know and follow Christ?

TAKEAWAYS

MAY OUR FAMILIES BE FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH

John 1:14, 26; Psalm 103:13-14

- What can happen in a home that emphasizes truth without grace? What can happen in a home that emphasizes grace without truth?

- How should remembering our own weaknesses shape the way we respond to our children or others in the church?

- Jesus is the perfect example of patience, forgiveness, and long-suffering toward sinners. How does Christ's example challenge the way we respond when others fail or sin?

MAY OUR FAMILIES HAVE A CONSTANT VIEW OF ETERNITY

- If the greatest legacy a family can leave is faith in Jesus Christ, how should that shape the way we prioritize our time, conversations, and leadership in the home?

- How does keeping both this day (today) and the day of Christ's return in view change the way we approach parenting, discipleship, and the time we have with our families?