

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Parenting with the Lasting Hope of Jesus Christ – Psalm 78:1-8

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of parenting
2. Understand the Assignment
3. Play Your Part
4. Pray for Godly Fruit
5. Rest in God's Grace
6. Conclusion – the lasting hope of Jesus Christ frees parents to do their best and trust God with the results

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 1:28 - And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it..."
- Psalm 127:3-5 - Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!
- Deuteronomy 6:7 - You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
- Judges 2:10 - And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.
- Actus 2:40 – a crooked generation that crucified Jesus

Discussion Questions

- What do you believe society emphasizes when it comes to parenting?
- How does Psalm 78 help us understand what the true assignment is in parenting?
- In what ways do your actions support or undermine the sharing God's redeeming work?
- What are some easy ways that you get off course in parenting?
- What is the part the Lord has called you to play whether you are a biological parent or a spiritual parent?
- If you have children, what specific things can you do at home to tell your children of the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders He has done?
- Why is it important that we pray for godly fruit instead of just expecting it?
- What does it mean for our children, and the children of this church, to set their hope in God?
- What can you do to make sure your children do not forget the works of God?
- Whether you are a parent or not, how do you need to rest in God's grace?
- Why is it important to remember that we cannot save our children?
- How does this passage make you more thankful for Jesus?
- How does this passage challenge to change with the help of the Holy Spirit?
- How does this passage encourage you to embrace the lasting hope of Jesus Christ?