

Mosaic Church Community Group Curriculum.
Family Matters, Week 2.

- This is week two of our, “Family Matters,” series. Today, we are talking about how to be wise in our parenting relationships.
- Open up a group meeting by talking about some of your most favorite, and most tense, memories with your mom and dad.
- After “breaking the ice,” read Proverbs 10:1 and 15:20 and answer the following questions:

- 1.) What kind of impact do the wise and foolish sons have on their homes and households? Talk about how you have seen this play out in your own lives.
- 2.) This weekend, Pastor Brandon said that our joy for our kids should always grow out of a love for who they are, not what they have accomplished.

As you look at and examine your life, have you found yourself leaning towards one or the other? What are the consequences we face if our joy is only based on our kid’s accomplishments?

- 3.) Read Matthew 3:16-17. What does God say about Jesus in this verse? Why is this significant at this point and time in his life and ministry? How can we model this type of praise and joy in our parenting relationships?
- 4.) Read Proverbs 23:15-16, 23:24-25 and 27:11. How does the *son* bring joy to his father? How is this in line with what we learned in the previous two questions?
- 5.) Often times, we can struggle with this tension: if I live to bring my father joy, I will either miss out or be completely miserable.

Do you have this mindset when it comes to your earthly and Heavenly Father? If so, how can we view God’s will and plan as the BEST will and plan for our lives, and as the ONLY plan that can give us true joy, meaning, and purpose?

- 6.) Read Luke 15:11-17.

How does the son respond to the Father’s will and plan for His life? How does he treat his father? Look at verses 11-12 if you need help.

- 7.) How does not following the Father’s will and plan affect the son’s life? Look at verse 13 if you need help.
- 8.) How does the Father respond when the son returns to Him? How can we find encouragement in this as God’s sons and daughters? How can we model and show this type of love to others in our lives?

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As you close your group meeting, spend time praying for each other.

- Pray that you would view yourself as one God loves – not because of what you do, but because of who He says you are through Christ.
- Pray that God would help you to lead and love *others* – not because of what they do, but because of who God says they are.
- Pray for sons and daughters who may be like the prodigal son – they have ran away from the Father and His plan/purpose for their lives. Pray that God would bring them home!
- Pray that you would be able to show and display that same love God the Father does when his prodigals come home.