Life Group Questions and Message Notes

- 1. How are you measuring your kid's spiritual growth?
- 2. What have you learned from your kids?
- 3. How are you praying for your kids today?

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"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name."

Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

"See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know Him."

1 John 3:1 (NLT)

1. LOVE CREATES CONDITIONS FOR GROWTH

"And now, isn't it wonderful all the ways in which this distress has goaded you closer to God? You're more alive, more concerned, more sensitive, more reverent, more human, more passionate, more responsible. Looked at from any angle, you've come out of this with purity of heart."

2 Corinthians 7:11-12 (MSG)

"Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (MSG)

2. LOVE ALWAYS INVOLVES GRACE

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

Luke 15:20 (NIV)

"And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as His children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as His child."" **Hebrews 12:5-6 (NLT)**

3. LOVE REQUIRES SACRIFICE

"Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, who, though He was God, did not demand and cling to His rights as God, but laid aside His mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And He humbled Himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8 (TLB)

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4 (NIV)