



SONS AND DAUGHTERS      ARROWS OF THE KINGDOM      PROVERBS 22:6

## TALK IT OVER GROUP GUIDE 20170813

### WELCOME      LOVE PEOPLE EXTRAVAGANTLY

The whole Bible stresses the importance of hospitality and welcoming strangers into God's family, even if they were only passing through. Hospitality reflects the love and care of God for strangers and reminds us that we once were strangers too.

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares (Hebrews 13:2)*

If we are called to welcome strangers on God's behalf, then how much more warmly should we show hospitality to our own family ?

#### NEWS REMINDERS:

- **GROUP LIFE LEADERS TRAINING:** learn core leadership principles with Connect Group Pastor JJ Jackson, Mon the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 7-8:30PM, main church auditorium
- **EQUIP 6 – PRAYER MATTERS:** midweek biblical training on why to pray and what to pray, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, 6:30PM - 8:30PM, main church auditorium
- **POSITIONED FOR BLESSING:** Learn how to position yourself in God's blessing to become a blessing to others, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August @ 6:15PM, in Studio 5
- **KLEINSKOOL OUTREACH:** Join us for a time of hands on ministry on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August from 8AM – 1PM in Kleinskool (to leave in convoy from the main church)
- **WOMAN OF PEACE:** Grow a deep love relationship with God, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August @ 6:15PM, in Studio 5
- **MENS BREAKFAST:** Dakar Rally racer Joey Evans will be the guest speaker on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September from 7-9AM, bookings essentials, tables only
- See [www.harvest.co.za](http://www.harvest.co.za) or the Harvest App or for more details

### WORSHIP      LOVE GOD EXTRAVAGANTLY

God has called us to a lifestyle of worship, which includes regular times of collective worship in prayer and song. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into worshipping God in spirit and truth tonight. Ask Him to guide you in the songs that you select. Trust Him for a divine connection with the hearts of your entire group.

According to Psalm 139, God not only knew each one of us before we were born, He even knew beforehand every single day that we would live on the earth. Ephesians 2:10 shows that God created us in Christ Jesus, but also pre-planned the path that He wants us to walk in.

There is a divine mystery involved in raising children that we often lose sight of: God made each of His children uniquely, with unique features, skills, personalities and purpose. He then entrusted us to our parents and families to mould, shape and steer us on the path that He pre-planned for us to travel on. We were born for His plan and destiny and then He partnered with our parents and with us as His children to steer us into our full potential for His glory. Tonight we want to look at that divine partnership and be reminded again of the primary call and purpose that God had in mind for our lives long before He created us.

## Arrows of God:

1. Read **Psalm 127:1-5 (ESV)** and discuss:
  - What are some of the reasons why you think God refers to children as a heritage from Him? What are some of the responsibilities that come to mind when we see children as His heritage to those of us parents?
  - What are some of the reasons God refers to children as arrows? Consider some of the ways in which we get to shape God's arrows during childhood?
  - In what ways does the example of building a house in verse 1 have anything to do with raising children? If God is the builder of the house, then why are we called labourers?
2. Read the well known **Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)** and discuss:
  - Who bears the primary responsibility of training up a child in the way he should go? From your own experience, as parent or as child, do you think God had a role to play in your training and if so, mention some of the ways He influenced you as parent or child in the training process?
  - Discuss some of the reasons why you believe that the promise in the second part of verse 6 will come to pass? Whose promise is this? What role does God play in fulfilling this promise? What role do parents play? What role does the child play?
3. Read **Deut 6:4-7 (ESV)** and discuss the following briefly:
  - What does the word "diligently" mean to you when it comes to training a child in God's ways? At what times in our daily routines as families does God require this training? Why do you think this is important?
  - If you grew up in a Christian home, share some of the practical ways and places where you were taught by your parents about God and His ways. If you are a parent with children at home, share some examples of practical ways and places where you can regularly train your children in God's ways.

## WORKS: BE A RESOURCE AND TOUCH THE WORLD

As a child of God, pray for one another that God will sharpen you even more as you trust Him to make you even more effective as His arrow in the domain into which he has released you.

As parents, pray for one another and ask the Holy Spirit to help you and to reveal to you ways in which you can be more diligent in training your children in God's ways.

### **Let's also pray for:**

1. People who are in a place of discouragement. Pray that God would encourage them and know that they will get through this hard time.
2. Special needs of anyone in the group.