

PARENTING ^{IN THE 21ST} CENTURY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PARENTING IN THE 21ST CENTURY - PART 1

QUESTION 1

Get-to-know-me

Pastor Nate shared how parenting generally falls into 3 categories “too hard”, “too soft” & “just right”. Looking back on your upbringing, which category would your parents have fallen under? Why?

Pastor Nathan shared how *“We live in a society where we believe the RIGHT THING to do is to let our kids decide the answers to the big questions in life — from SEXUALITY to SPIRITUALITY and everything in between.”* & how *“One of the most DESTRUCTIVE things parents can say is this — ‘I don’t want to impose my beliefs upon my child.’ Because the reality is — if you don’t, somebody else will. Culture is discipling your kid every day, all day. If your VOICE doesn’t have MORE WEIGHT than their peers and media, then your kid will take their cues from culture.”* What is your reaction to these quotes? How & where have you seen evidence of this?

QUESTION 2

Into-the-Bible

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Proverbs 22:6

What stands out to you in this passage?

If you’re a parent, how & how often do you (or did you) talk to your kids about Jesus & his teachings & what it means to follow Him?

QUESTION 3

Take-it-home

Pastor Nathan shared how every young person is asking the same 3 questions (Who am I? Where do I fit? What difference can I make?). As Christians, we have the answers (I am a child of God, I belong to God’s family, I’m invited into God’s story). What can we do to better instill in our children these important truths?