DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IT'S JUST A PHASE - PART 2

QUESTION 1 Get-to-know-me

Pastor Nathan shared how the tendency for parents is to be passive in the early years and then overactive in later years. They wait until the training years to start disciplining or they wait until the coaching years to start training.

Did you see this in your parents?
Do you recognize doing this with your kids?

QUESTION 2 Into-the-Bible

Read Proverbs 22:6

Pastor Nathan shared how many parents fall into the trap of thinking that children should discover faith on their own. He then pointed out that Christianity is not based on taste (like an ice cream flavour), it's based on truth and so we should do everything we possibly can to help our kids trust God and follow Jesus. What's your reaction to this idea? Do you ever feel the tension of not wanting to pressure your kids into a belief system?

QUESTION 3 Take-it-home

Pastor Nathan shared how the goal of discipline is not isolation, it's restoration. Share with the group a time where your kids misbehaved our are currently misbehaving and brainstorm together creative & intentional discipline focused on teaching them the life skill of restoring relationship. (Think of the example from Sandra Stanley having her boys write apology notes & buy flowers for their babysitter).

