

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Questions
October 11, 2015



The Ideal Family – Week #3

INTRODUCTION:

1. Think about your parents' personality traits that you think are their greatest and the ones that you know are their weaknesses... now think about your own. In what ways have you carried into your life what your parents' have modeled for you?

DIVE IN:

1. This week Paul walked through Ephesians 6:1-4. Take the time to read through it together again as a group. If you have different translations present, read it in each to see if anything different is highlighted in the process. Then dive into the three points below from Paul's message:

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4 NLT)

2. "My kids learn obedience by how I obey God." Think about the way that you model obedience to your kids. Is it blatant rule breaking? Is it grey scale obedience? Is it external obedience with internal rebellion? How do you model obedience to your kids in a way that is consistent and Gospel centered?
3. "My kids learn honor by how I honor God." As you think about the way you treat authority in your life, where do you land on the continuum from Respect \longleftrightarrow Rebellion? How do you see your own honor and respect (or lack thereof) manifesting itself in your kids' lives?
4. "My kids learn how to deal with anger by how I deal with my anger." Paul said "angry homes produce angry kids." As you think about how both you and your kids deal with anger, how do you see them mimicking what you model? What do you need to change about how you deal your own anger so that your kids have a healthy ability to handle conflict, disappointment, etc...?
5. "My kids best shot at following Jesus is to see me following Jesus." As we've seen from the previous 3 questions, our kids mimic what we model. Most of us also mimic the faith of our families of origin. If we saw our parents pray, we're more likely to pray. If we saw them read their bibles, we're more likely to do so. If we saw them only pay attention to God on Sundays, that's probably how we act as well. As you think about modeling faith to your kids, what do you need to change to give them an accurate example of being a fully engaged follower of Jesus?

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NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Sacred Marriage Connection Groups –
Your marriage is more than a covenant with another person - its is a spiritual discipline designed to help you know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. What if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy... but holy? Join other RC3 couples to dive into this question through a 6 week DVD study series.

Sacred Marriage (Herd) – Wednesdays @ 6:30pm – Maineville – No Childcare

Sacred Marriage (LeCompte) – Fridays @ 6:30pm – Mason – No Childcare

Groups launch this week! For more info visit: RiversCrossing.com/Groups

- *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity: Connect Your Family to a Wider Community* – Reggie Joiner & Carey Nieuwhof
- *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* – Kara E. Powell & Chap Clark