

Experiencing God With Your Children

Scott Merriner, October 31, 2021 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say? Take some time to look up and read: Luke 2:41-52

- 1. Summarize the tensions between Jesus and His parents.
- 2. Why did Jesus stay behind in Jerusalem when his family left?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 3. Parenting is God's design. Describe the various "spiritual leadership" roles of a parent.
- 4. Describe the tension parents experience between *their* agenda for their kids and **God's** agenda? What are some examples of this? What are the best practices for guiding kids in experiencing God?
- 5. Take some time to think about each of your children or of children whose lives you influence. What are some things you see God doing in their lives?
- 6. How are you joining in God's activity in these children's lives? What opportunities have you not yet taken? What is your next step?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **

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