

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Paul’s Parenting Do’s and Don’ts” – Pastor Chad Gilligan

3.3.24

- 1) Who was the best parent you saw growing up? What made them the best to you?**

Read Ephesians 6:4 (AMP) – “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to the point of resentment with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by showing favoritism or indifference to any of them], but bring them up [tenderly, with lovingkindness] in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

- 2) For parents, how did your life change when you had kids?**
- 3) When you think about raising kids, how would you define discipline?**
- 4) Have you ever exasperated a child or watched a child become exasperated? What caused it? What was the after-effects of the situation?**

Read Proverbs 22:24-25 – “Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.”

- 5) What habits did your children pick up from you?**

Read Ephesians 6:1-3 – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

- 6) How is showing a child faith different than showing them religion?**
- 7) The Bible is the roadmap to life and parenting. How can we incorporate scripture more in our homes?**

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15 – “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

- 8) What are some easy ways we can prepare a child for their tomorrow?**
- 9) The Bible teaches that parents are to train their children in the way they should go. In what ways have you seen some people abdicate their responsibilities to their children?**

Prayer: Take time to pray for the homes represented in your groups and the kids who may be in them.