

Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

Raising kids is a scary proposition. What if I mess them up? What if they mess me up? Good thing we have the Bible to help us flourish as parents.

GETTING STARTED

1. As a parent, do you think it's harder to love or to discipline your children? Why?

FROM THE SERMON

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, confused you, challenged you, or made you curious?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9. In this directive, what is the implication for parents? How are you currently raising your children to have a heart for God? If your kids are grown, what worked for you and what are some ways that didn't work out well?
4. Read Proverbs 19:18 & 29:17; Ephesians 6:1-3. What does the discipline of your children accomplish? How can parents tell if they are being too punitive in discipline and/or too lenient? In parenting, what are the extra ingredients needed along with discipline?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. List and discuss the ways parents are to show love to their children. How have you personally experienced one of these qualities growing up? Which one is the most important to you and why?
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

NEXT STEPS

7. What will you now do with this new truth or spiritual insight that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Please make time to pray together.