Small Group Study Guide
Series: **UNSEEN**
Sermon 22: OUR KIDS. THEIR FAITH. OUR FIGHT.
Too Much to Lose. No Time to Wait.
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◆ INTRODUCTION

The battle for our children’s faith is already underway. Satan uses deception, while compromise at home weakens our witness. Acts 21 shows families praying together. God calls us to repent, teach His truth, and resist the devil. From daily conversations to choosing a college, we can help our children defend their faith.

◆ KEY SCRIPTURES

- **Ephesians 6:4, 10–18 —** Raise children in the Lord’s instruction; stand against spiritual evil with God’s armor and persevering prayer.
- **Acts 21:5, 8–9, 27–36 —** Families pray together, Philip’s daughters prophesy, and Paul faces violent opposition to his witness.
- **Genesis 3:1–6 —** The serpent questions God’s command, denies its consequences, and makes disobedience look desirable.
- **1 Timothy 4:1–3 —** Deceitful spirits and false teaching draw people away from faith, even through religious-sounding claims.
- **2 Corinthians 10:3–5 —** God’s weapons destroy arguments against His truth and bring thoughts into obedience to Christ.
- **Colossians 2:8 —** Beware of deceptive teaching that draws us away from Christ.
- **James 1:14–15 —** Desire entices, sin follows, and sin brings death. Temptation must be confronted before it takes hold.
- **James 4:7 —** Submission to God comes before resisting the devil. Our own obedience matters in the battle.
- **Deuteronomy 6:4–9 —** Love God and teach His words diligently through the ordinary routines of family life.
- **Nehemiah 4:14 —** Nehemiah calls threatened families to remember the Lord’s greatness and fight for their homes.

◆ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do we recognize the difference between trusting God and putting off something that needs our attention, and what helps us take a faithful next step? *(Ephesians 5:15–16)*
2. Our children learn from how we live as well as what we teach. Where do you find it hardest to model your faith at home, and how can an honest apology help when we fall short? *(James 4:7; Ephesians 4:27)*
3. Satan made disobedience look desirable. What messages from friends, classrooms, or online influencers make it harder to trust God’s Word, and how can we help children examine them? *(Genesis 3:1–6)*
4. Which conversations about identity, sexuality, or Jesus as the only way do you find hardest to have, and what would help you speak with both biblical conviction and compassion? *(Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4–6; John 14:6)*

5. PT said, *"A strong feeling isn't permission from God."* How can we acknowledge a child's strong feelings while helping them choose obedience—and what have you learned from your own struggles that could help? *(James 1:14–15)*
6. Imagine a child says, *"I'm not sure I believe the Bible anymore."* How could we respond in a way that helps us understand what's behind the doubt and encourages them to keep talking? *(Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:24–26)*
7. Why should parents consider a Christ-centered university when planning a child's education? Beyond a school's name, what would you look for to see whether it strengthens biblical faith? *(Colossians 2:8)*
8. What's one realistic way to make Scripture and prayer part of your family's week, building on what KidsPointe and SQUAD teach—and what tends to get in the way? *(Deuteronomy 6:6–9)*
9. When someone we love is far from God, what helps us keep praying and stay connected without surrendering our convictions—and how can this group support families carrying that burden? *(2 Timothy 2:24–26; Ephesians 6:18)*

◆ PT's BEST QUOTES

- *"Don't just tell your children you're praying for them. Let them hear you do it!"*
- *"A lie doesn't become light because somebody makes it sound loving."*
- *"We can't bless the direction and then grieve the destination."*
- *"Truth needs to be practiced at the kitchen table before it's defended in a classroom."*
- *"A closed Bible at home and an occasional Sunday at church won't prepare our children for a battle they're facing every day."*
- *"Don't leave your family waiting on a conviction you keep postponing."*
- *"You can't go everywhere your child goes, but you can keep bringing them to the God who can."*

◆ ACTION PROMPTS

- **CLOSE ONE OPENING TODAY:** Name one compromise you've excused. Within 24 hours, take a concrete step: apologize, remove access to temptation, or change a neglected boundary. Tell a trusted believer what you're doing and arrange a check-in before next Sunday.
- **BUILD A HABIT THIS WEEK:** Use "PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN TO RECOGNIZE DECEPTION" for three ten-minute conversations this week. Read Scripture, examine a message, look ahead, practice a response, and pray. Schedule next week too. With an adult child, listen and keep praying. For college planning, pick up the Christian College Guide; application details for CrossPointe's two $5,000 scholarships are forthcoming.

◆ CLOSING PRAYER

Father, forgive the compromise we've excused and the responsibility we've neglected. We submit to You and resist the devil. Expose deception, break the grip of lies, and make our conduct at home consistent with the faith we profess.

Fill us with Your Spirit. Give us courage to teach truth, humility to listen and apologize, and perseverance to pray. Draw our children to Jesus, strengthen weary parents, and help us act on what You've shown us today. In Jesus' name, amen.

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