

JOINING JESUS AS A FAMILY

Video 2: Parenting with the End in Mind

Book Chapters 3-4

John 13:35

Ephesians 5:1-2

Group Discussion:

- 1) Can you remember the first time Jesus and your faith became real to you? Share your story with the group.
- 2) As you read chapters three and four, what stood out for you?
- 3) If you feel your child is becoming bored, unfulfilled, and unconvinced of the Christian life, what can you do to help them?
- 4) Because your child is following you through the weeds of this world, it's important for you to be clear about where are you leading. So, where are you leading and is that where you want your child to end up?
- 5) What meaning does the following quote have for you? "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."
- 6) The Finkes tell the story of their whitewater rafting experience. What was the difference between their daughter's experience and their own?
- 7) In what specific ways can you "take your child on the ride with Jesus"?
- 8) Chapter four begins by having parents ask themselves, "Because my child is learning how to live life from me, how then shall I live?" How does God answer the question? (Hint, Ephesians 5:2.)
- 9) How would you define "love"? What does it look like to "live a life of love"?

Which of the many Bible passages quoted in chapter four resonated with you? Why?

10) Jesus died on the cross and rose again to take away your sin and to restore your ability “to will and to act according to his purpose,” (Philippians 2:13). So, if you struggle to consistently live a life of love, it’s not because you lack Jesus’ power or capability. What are you lacking?

(Jesus will show us how to remedy that in the next chapter.)

Wrap Up:

What insights came to you during this session? How can you immediately put the insights into action to benefit your family? (Remember, whatever Jesus gives you to do, he enables you to do by grace.)

Is there an insight or question on which you want to continue reflecting and journaling?

Go around the group and ask, “How can we help each other in prayer?” Then have each person or couple pray for the next.