

Teach Your Children Well

Pre-amble Questions

1. Overall impressions of the book (rate 1-10)?
2. What were some of the things you most appreciated? Feel free to share a quote.
3. What was something you struggled or disagreed with? Feel free to share a quote.

Introduction

1. Did you find the grace/challenge quadrant helpful? Why or why not?

Chapter 1

2. Of the three responses to post-Christian culture—fight, flight, or camouflage—do you resonate with any of them? Which one are you most tempted to emulate? How might your particular posture affect your kids' views of the world?
3. On a scale of one to five, how strongly do you resonate with the idea that church leaders and staff seem better equipped to disciple your children than the average congregant?

Chapter 2

4. How does it feel to think about preparing your kids to be misunderstood by the world around them? What thoughts or emotions does this bring up for you?

Chapter 3

5. What do you think about the idea that you have been given a specific ministry assignment from God? How does this idea intersect with your sense of calling and purpose?

Chapter 4

6. Reflect on Encounter, Belief, and Praxis: Which one are you most naturally drawn toward? Which one tends to be the weakest in your own walk with Jesus? How do you see these preferences playing out as you lead your kids?

Chapter 5

7. In what ways, or in what situations, are you tempted to mediate Encounter for your kids? Do you resonate with any of the common reasons we do this fear, control, or disbelief? What is God saying to you about this?

Chapter 6

8. Which direction-Up, In, Out, With comes most naturally to you in your own walk with Jesus? Which is the easiest for you to lead as you disciple your kids? Which is the most challenging or underrepresented direction in your life?

Chapter 7

9. Each of Westerhoff's stages is present in adult, Owned faith. Take a moment to evaluate how Experiential faith has shaped your own spiritual journey: What have been your most compelling experiences of God lately? What is your current relationship with ritual and spiritual routine like? In what ways do your spiritual practices engage your body and your senses?

Chapter 8

10. Each of Westerhoff's stages is present in adult, Owned faith. Take a moment to evaluate how Affiliative faith has shaped your own spiritual journey: How strong is your sense of belonging to a community of faith? Who are your closest spiritual friends? How has God spoken to you through his people?

Chapter 9

11. Each of Westerhoff's stages is present in adult, Owned faith. Take a moment to evaluate how Searching faith has shaped your own spiritual journey: What spiritual questions have you been wrestling with in this stage of life? These days, what beliefs do you personally need clarity on?

Chapter 10

12. Are you able to place yourself in one of the four spiritual temperament types? How does this make sense of practices you are drawn to and practices that are difficult for you? How could you stretch yourself to "eat more vegetables"?

Chapter 11

13. Are there any ideas in this chapter that you want to steal? Or have these ideas sparked any ideas of your own? What's one next step you'd need to take to add a shared spiritual practice to your family rhythms?

Chapter 12

14. Which of the Four Tendencies did you resonate with? How will this self-awareness serve you as you begin to implement your plans?

15. What have you learned about God as you've read and reflected on the ideas in this book? About yourself? About your kids? Take a moment to give thanks and to ask for God's help for your next steps from here.