

# PROVERBS: PARENTING DISCUSSION GUIDE



LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

## SUMMARY:

In our summer sermon series covering the book of Proverbs, we specifically cover the topic of parenthood, where we discover some practical principles regarding the subject of educating our children. God himself has given us the resources we need to impact the next generation. This requires us as parents and leaders to teach our children that Christianity isn't a set of moral rules, but a lifestyle by which we make this world a better place for God's glory.

**Key Passage:** Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 1:8

*Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.*

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

**KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.**

*The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

*What is something that you are thankful for this week?*

*What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?*

*Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?*

**GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.**

The Scriptures encourage us in Proverbs 22:6 to train up the next generation. Why is it important for parents and leaders to train children not just to know Jesus, but to also live for Jesus?

In Proverbs 1:8 what determines whether a child has truly listened to the instructions given?

Why is it important to understand that the book of Proverbs contains statements on the way that things should work and not promises for the way that things will always work here and now?

**GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.**

What are ways in which you parent today because of what you watched your parents do?

Proverbs 28:13 Reminds us as Jesus followers to live authentically. Why is authenticity important to teach to the next generation?

For those that have older kids, what are the ways that your parenting relationships have changed over the years?