

**4. Instill \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 17:11-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 1 Corinthians 15:10, James 1:2-4

**5. Champion \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_.**

Micah 6:8, Ephesians 5:1-2

### **THE NEXT GENERATION OF PARENTS**

### **LIFE IN THE FISHBOWL**

### **IT'S NOW BEEN ONE MONTH**

### **FIVE LESSONS ON PARENTING**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest present.**

Jeremiah 29:4-7, John 1:14

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ your love.**

Proverbs 13:24, Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:5-6, 11

**3. Love your \_\_\_\_\_ first...and then your**

\_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 5:20-6:4

## GETTING STARTED

When you die... What kind of parent do you want to be remembered as? Or, if you are not a parent, what would you like to be remembered?

## SUNDAY RECAP

Some of the most important lessons we learn in life are those we learn from our parents, whether good or bad. Parents teach us about life, how to live and what to value. This week's message finished off Pastor Brandon's lessons he learned from the life of his father Stu, in regards to parenting. The choices we make, especially as parents, have the power to impact the lives of many, specifically the lives of our children.

## STUDY & SHARE

1. Read Jeremiah 29:4-7, John 1:14 & Philippians 4:8-9. Brandon's first point was... Presence is the greatest present.
  - a) How would you assess your current level of being fully present with your family, friends, and co-workers?
  
  - b) What area can you increase your presence to impact another person's life?
  
2. Brandon's second point to parenting was... Express your love. Read Proverbs 13:24, Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:5-6, 11.
  - a) How do our words impact those closest to us either positively, or negatively?
  
  - b) What are some ways we can express our love to those closest to us (either by word or action)?
  
3. Read Ephesians 5:20-6:4. The third lesson learned from Brandon's dad was... Love your spouse first and then your children.
  - a) Think of a way you can intentionally love you wife, husband, girlfriend, or boyfriend and then bless them. Write a few ideas to express.

b) In what areas do we need to focus on to move towards being imitators of Christ?

4. The 4<sup>th</sup> point was... Instill a heart of gratitude. Read and reflect on Psalm 107:1 & 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18.

a) Take moments out of your day to reflect on all the good things God has done for you, either currently or in years past.

b) How can you serve someone else today in a simple way?

5. Read and Reflect on Ephesians 6:4 & Proverbs 17:6. The fifth point learned from this week's message was to... Champion and support their dreams.

a) How are you supporting your children through encouragement, love, and finances?

b) What is one way you can help champion and support your children's dreams, and/or aspirations?

## SEND // GROUP CHALLENGE

Of the 5 lessons, which one did you think is the most challenging to apply to your life and why? How can you begin to implement this point in your life with the help of your group?

## SUPPORT // PRAYER

Pray for each other to grow in love, whether in regards to friends, family, or co-workers. Pray that we all continue to grow together, looking more and more like Christ.

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