

Growth Group News

Are you thinking about signing up for electives? Registration begins in December. More to come.

Family Matters: Parenting for Eternity Proverbs 22:6

INSTRUCTIONS: THESE QUESTIONS ARE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE US TO THINK MORE DEEPLY ABOUT OUR FAITH IN VIEW OF THE SERMON. YOU MAY NOT GET TO EVERY QUESTION. ONE QUESTION MAY PROMPT OTHER FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS OR CAUSE A LARGER DISCUSSION. OUR PURPOSE ISN'T TO 'DISCUSS THE SERMON' SO MUCH AS IT IS TO TAKE OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE PASSAGE DEEPER SO THAT WE CAN LIVE CHANGED LIVES.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Would you be comfortable or uncomfortable if you had to bring your high school yearbook to your Growth Group and show them your senior picture (you know... dated hairstyle, manner of dress, or just pure geekiness)?

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

How are you doing in your spiritual relationships (with other Christians)?

UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS

1. Does the fact that there are no guarantees diminish the need for parenting for eternity? Why or why not?
2. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 gives us insight into “teachable moments” and the idea of “quality time,” as a parent. Discuss the concept that one can have no “quality time” with their children if there is no “quantity time.” Some say that Deuteronomy 6:4-9 alludes to quantity time. Why do you think people say this?
3. Discuss finding opportunities to teach them when they are lying down, rising up, or on the road. As you travel through life with your children, talk about potential situations to give them biblical teachings (applying Scripture). Avoid mere moralizations (how to be a good boy or good girl), instead applying biblical truth to a situation.
4. What’s wrong with this statement and mindset in light of the Proverbs 22:6 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9): “Look, my kids have been in class all week. They need a break. I don’t think missing church this week is that big a deal?” Consider this parallel analogy: “Look, my kids have been practicing hard in sports. I think they can afford to skip this game.” Or: “Look, my kids have been practicing hard and rehearsing diligently for this musical recital. I think with all that practice, we can skip the recital and take a little time off.” Would you consider this action: “Look my kids went to church and youth group this week *and* Sunday School. I think they can skip a few days of class this week at primary school, middle school, high school, or university.” Talk about these mindsets and spiritual warfare.

Alternative to Questions Above. Read Nehemiah 8:1-13 (maybe have people read a few verses each) and then discuss the importance of having children watch their parents worship with one mind, listening attentively, through the whole of the service. Discuss the reality that worship should be something they see their parents look forward to, prioritize, and embrace. Talk about undistracted, whole-hearted, grateful worship and what such an example sets for the children—what kind of message that sends.