



Life Group Discussion Guide
“Raising Kids that Love Jesus”
Sunday, July 9, 2017

Open in prayer

Three truths to remember

- 1. Parenting is never finished - In what ways is the job of parenting never finished? How do your parents still parent you? If you have kids, how do you parent them?**
 - 2. Your kids are still in process**
 - 3. God is still at work - Where do you see God at work in your kids' lives? If you don't have children, where do you see God at work in your family?**
- **Did you grow up with a Christian family/heritage? Do you believe you can start one with your family?**
 - **If you do not have children, are there families or young people in your life you can influence to have a godly heritage?**

Proverbs 22:6 - “Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”

The Big Idea: If you have children, God is trusting you to train your kids to know and love Him. To accomplish this goal, we don't need more parenting tips and techniques. We need a deep personal faith in Jesus that can be passed on. We cannot give what we do not possess.

- **What are common desires we have for our children or the young people in our lives?**
- **As Christians, how should we differ from others in the hopes we have for our children?**

Read Deuteronomy chapter 6

Love the Lord your God with EVERYthing. This love is not just emotional, though that's definitely part of it too, but this is our natural and almost obligatory response to who God is.

- **What is the relationship between love and obedience? (John 14:15)**
- **What's an example of loving God with our**
 - **heart**
 - **soul**
 - **strength**



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1. What we love will impact our kids more than anything else.

Your kids will be incredibly impacted by what you love. If we’re not taking God seriously, and if we don’t really love Him more than anything else, how can we expect our kids to do so?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-6 NIV)

2. As a parent, it is my responsibility to train my children spiritually.

“Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:7-9 NIV)

We teach our kids what is important. We don’t ask them if they want to participate! This is called parenting.

No one will have more of an impact on your kids than you will.

As you are attentive to your own spiritual growth, your children will notice. They will be learning an important lessons without you saying a word.

3. In your family fight against cultural influences that conflict with the Bible.

- Fight for Biblical values
- Don’t just explain what is expected...explain why
- Model what you expect
- Determine when, where, and how you will protect the hearts and minds of your children.