



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Series: Live Well: God's Wisdom for Everyday Living

Sermon: Parenting

Passage: Various verses from Proverbs

Introduce it: Begin thinking about the sermon

Talk as a group about what you remember about being parented growing up. Some questions to consider when talking about this: How did your parents discipline? Was there a parent more engaged or less engaged in your life? In what ways were your siblings disciplined the same/different?

What are ways that you parent today that are because of what you watched your parents do? In what ways do you parent today because you don't want to be like your parents?

In the Scriptures, God is known as Father. We see a lot of ways that he parented his children in the Old Testament. Spend time thinking about what it means that God is a parent. In what ways does this encourage you as a parent and in what ways does this discourage you?

*Leader-main thing to consider here is that much of our parenting is centered around getting our children to do the things that we want them to do. Make sure the group considers how well that didn't happen for God and his children. The Israelites were a very disobedient group of children.

Revisit it: Look back at the passages taught

Read Proverbs 22:6; 13:24; 15:5; 19:18; 23:13; 29:15

To summarize today's sermon on both campuses, two words were unpacked: Training, Discipline

From reading these passages, what does it mean to "train" a child? What is its purpose?

In what ways are you grateful that your parents trained you? In what ways do you wish you received training?

From reading these passages, what does it mean to "discipline" a child? What is its purpose?

In what ways are you grateful that your parents disciplined you? In what ways do you wish they had or had not disciplined you?

Why do you think that parents don't train or discipline their children today?

Use It: Don't just learn the passage-apply it

In what ways has this sermon challenged you to adjust your training and discipline of your own children?

Our words and deeds are best ways to train and discipline our children. In what ways do you know that you need to repent before the Lord on how you have used (or not used) your words and deeds to harm and not to love your children? What specific steps of change can you take this week to do this differently?

Remember It: Memorize Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

TEACH THESE PROVERBS TO YOUR CHILDREN!!! As parents, we owe it to our children to help them learn what it means to have healthy training and how discipline is speaking Love. The best way is to show it, the second best way is to teach it from the Scriptures.