

Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Our Relationships– Parenting - Ephesians 6:1-4 – January 29, 2023

Additional Resources:

Building Successful Relationships – Michael & Laura Fletcher – <u>https://bit.ly/3Qgt7O9</u> Healing Relationships – Robby Angle – <u>https://bit.ly/3ZbQnRt</u> Real Relationships – Les and Leslie Parrott – <u>https://bit.ly/3GiB5BN</u>

The goal of this time is to have quality connections and time together. Allow God to speak to you through His written Word. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW: (Questions for Building Relationships)

- Who in your life has been a great role model for you in setting an example of good parenting?
- What is your perspective of society's view of parenting?
- When was a time when you deliberately dishonored/disobeyed your parent(s)?
- How did your parents encourage you? How was their encouragement impactful (or not) when you were a child?
- What are some of the enjoyable aspects of being a parent?
- Without the gospel, we will default to the way we were raised or allow the culture to form our parenting. How were you raised, and is it consistent with the gospel? What do you need to be cautious of as you parent?

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GROW: (Questions for Growing Spiritually)

- Read Eph 6:1-4. Why is it important to set a Christlike example for your children?
- What motivations, goals, and hope do believers have when we care for children?
- What does the passage say about honoring parents? Considering the personalities of our children, what would be the best way to teach this principle to them?
- What does it mean to "honor your father and mother"? (Ephesians 6:2-3)
- What is the role (responsibility) of a child in the home? Why did God give a child this role in the home?
- What is the role of the parent in the home? How does not knowing one's role as a parent affect the home?
- How can parents "exasperate" (verse 4) (provoke to anger) their children? How is the condition of the heart related to this?
- How can being committed to our marriages and family relationships impact kids? How can it impact the workplace? Or other relationships?

e-e SHOW: (Questions for Living on Mission)

- How do you practically live out the gospel in front of your children?
- How can you avoid exasperating your children? How do you encourage them?
- What can you do to improve or strengthen your relationship with your parents? How can you honor and show appreciation to our parents today, no matter how imperfect they may have been?
- How can you avoid exasperating your children? How do you need to nurture healthy family relationships this week?

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