

June 21 Discussion Questions

“Loving Leadership”

Ephesians 6:1-4; Psalm 78:1-8

Preview

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.' Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4

*Kids, your job is to **Obey** (v. 1-3)*

*Parents, your job is to **Lead** (v. 4)*

The Commitments of Loving Leadership:

1. **Model** love for God

- in your **Heart** (Ps. 78:1,7-8)
- in your **Marriage** (Eph. 5:33)

2. **Lead** so your children can:

- See the **Glory** of God and **Trust** Him (Ps. 78:4,7)
- Experience the **Love** of God and **Enjoy** Him (Ps. 78:8; Eph. 3:17-19)
- Know the **Word** of God and **Obey** Him (Ps. 78:5,7; Deut. 6:6-7)

Connect

1. For those who are moms and dads, what is one of your favorite memories with your kid(s)? Why was it special?
2. In your life right now, what aspect of the Fatherhood of God is especially meaningful to you?

Read Ephesians 6:1-4; Psalm 78:1-8

Discuss

3. In Ephesians 6:1-4, what are children called to do? How do you understand the promise that comes with it? How have you seen God answer that promise in your kid's lives or others kid's lives?
4. What does it mean for a father to provoke their children to anger? How is this different from discipline?
5. How can parents represent the Gospel in their marriage? How does this positively affect children's perception and knowledge of the Gospel?
6. In Psalm 78, what happens to children when fathers obey the command to teach God's Truth to them? What happens when fathers fail to teach?
7. Do you or did you have a method for teaching your children the Bible? What could you do differently?
8. What Christian parenting resource have you found most helpful? How has it developed your heart or skill in parenting?

Apply

9. How is God calling you to apply the Gospel to your parenting or grandparenting? Do you need to become more involved or engaged? Do you need to pray more? Do you need to intentionally teach God's Word more? Do you need to change your attitude around the home? Something else?
10. Who is a parent you can encourage this week? What does Gospel-encouragement for a mom or dad sound like?

Pray

11. Weekly Prayer Focus from Prayer Team

Personal: Pray for our dads, grandpas, uncles, and brothers in Christ as they have opportunities to be godly examples to those who are in their spheres of influence. *In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence and his children have a refuge.*
Proverbs 14:26

Ministry: Pray for Oakwood's VBS Soccer Camp, June 29 - July 2. Pray the Gospel message will be clearly understood by the students who attend.