

# June 28 Discussion Questions

## “Loving Discipline”

### Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 12:4-11

#### **Preview**

Love must underlie all we do as parents:

1. **Model** love for God and
2. **Lead** - to shepherd the Heart

Two more Commitments for Christian Parents:

- **Teach** - to form the Mind
  - Intentional Teaching & Informal Talking (Deut. 6:5-7; Eph. 6:4)
- **Train** - to shape the Will - so your children:
  - Listen to your voice (Heb. 12:9; Eph. 6:2-3)
    - The Greater Principle
  - Obey all the way, right away, with a happy heart (Eph. 6:1-2)
    - Let Natural Consequences teach
  - Learn to make good Choices on their own
    - The V of Love

#### **Connect**

1. How did your parents discipline you when you were young? Would it be “acceptable” in today’s society? Looking back, do you feel it was effective?
2. As a parent, is disciplining your child easy or hard for you? Why do you think that is?

**Read Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 12:4-11**

#### **Discuss**

3. In Ephesians 6:1-4, what is the responsibility of a father with his children? What are fathers not to do?
4. What does it mean for a father to provoke their children to anger? How is this different from discipline?

5. Who does God discipline? Why does God discipline us? How can discipline be understood as loving?
6. Why is discipline effective? What does it produce in our lives?
7. What is the best response to God's discipline? Why does this not always happen?
8. How does the Gospel inform the reasons for our disciplining of our children?

### **Apply**

9. How have you experienced the benefits of God's discipline in your life? How did you first respond to it? How did that change over time?
10. How have you experienced the heart of God in the midst of His discipline?
11. What is your method for discipline in your home? Does this reflect the way you were disciplined? How has that changed over time?
12. How might God be calling you to change the way you relate to your children or grandchildren in the midst of rebellious or challenging circumstances?

### **Pray**

#### 13. Weekly Prayer Focus from Prayer Team

**Personal Focus:** Pray for our Oakwood family units. *Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.* Ephesians 6:1

**Ministry:** Pray for Oakwood's VBS / Soccer Camp, June 29-July 2

- Students will be willing and able to attend.
- Safety for all who participate
- Students to have open hearts and minds to clearly receive the Gospel message
- The Oakwood family will be able to build relationships with those who attend