



SUBURBAN LEGENDS

Journey Group Lesson for “We Christian Parenting Guarantees Godly Children” August 22, 2010

Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

What would make you feel successful as a parent?

What influence do you think good parenting has on a child?

In what ways does “good parenting” have its limits?

Think of a time you have seen the children of good parents choose the “wrong” road. Share whatever you think appropriate about that situation.

Digging Deeper

Greg said on Sunday the job of parents is to be faithful not successful. What do you think he meant by this? Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

Read Ezekiel 2:3-5; Ezekiel 3:8; Ezekiel 3:14, 16. How does the situation Ezekiel encountered mirror the task that many parents face?

Do you think Ezekiel felt like he had succeeded in his task of turning God’s people back to Him? Why or why not?

Bringing It Home

Ezekiel’s responsibility was to present God’s words before the people in such a way that they would know who God was. Now, Ezekiel wanted more than that. He wanted his people to turn back to God and prevent judgment. We have no record that anyone did. But Ezekiel wasn’t accountable for others. He was accountable for his obedience to God.

The role of parents is much the same – to show our children who God is. And as much as we want to drag them to repentance, that’s not our job. They will make their own choices, as we did, as God created us.

Myth: Parenting is your highest calling. God doesn’t call parents to be successful, but to be faithful.

Spend extended time this week in your group praying for each others’ children and families. Ask the Lord to help the parents in the group to be faithful to God and to pointing their families to Him. Also pray for the children of the families in the group – that they will choose to follow after God.