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"The Gospel and the Next Generation"

Psalm 78:1-8

Memory Verse: Psalm 78:5

Introduction

- A. Baptist Faith & Message 2000 (Article 18 The Family)
- B. "Fewer than one out of five who claim to be born-again Christians have a worldview of even a few fundamental biblical beliefs" (Jim Putman and Bobby Harrington).
- C. Big Idea: Parents are commanded to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- D. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).
- E. "My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching" (Proverbs 6:20).

I. Parents, Teach Your Children (78:1-5)

- A. Dads and Moms, you are to be the primary teachers of your children.
- B. They will be what they see.
- C. Your top priority ought to be to disciple your children.
- D. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

II. Parents, Teach Your Children the Gospel (78:4-5)

- A. Family discipleship will require doctrine, devotion, and diligence.
- B. Teach the Scriptures (78:4)
 - 1. Teach the next generation who God is (his might, his character).
 - 2. Teach the next generation what God has done (glorious deeds, wonders that he has done).
 - 3. Teach the next generation what God has said (testimony, law, commandments).
- C. Warn against sin (78:8-19)
- D. Make much of God's grace and forgiveness in Christ (78:37-39, 68-72)
- E. The Gospel Definition

III. Parents, Teach Your Children the Gospel So They Will Know God with Their Minds, Trust God with Their Hearts, and Obey God with Their Lives (78:6-8)

- A. So they will know God with their minds (78:6).
- B. So they will trust God with their hearts (78:7).
- C. So they will obey God with their lives (78:8).

A Guide for Family Worship

- 1. Read the Bible together.
- 2. Include your children. Keep it simple.
- 3. Explain the meaning of the Bible verses you read.
- 4. Pray together.
- 5. Sing together.
- 6. Memorize Scripture together.
- 7. Shepherd their hearts.

What's next for you and your family???