



Sermon Discussion Guide

July 20, 2025

Refresh

Read Ephesians 6:1-3 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

How does God's judgment on Eli in 1 Samuel 3:10-14 help shape our understanding of parental responsibility? In what ways does this passage call parents to actively restrain and discipline their children?

The sermon emphasized that parents should regularly bring their children to church with them. Why is it often a struggle for Christian parents to prioritize church attendance over other options? What are some of the consequences of prioritizing these other options over faithfully worshiping with God's people?

Ephesians 6:1-4 makes clear that children are to obey and honor their parents and that parents must discipline and instruct their children. Why is it critically important for children to learn to obey their parents? What implications does this have for children in other realms of life?

Spend some time reviewing these passages in Proverbs (13:24; 22:6; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15; 29:17). What emphasis does Proverbs give on parents disciplining their children? In what ways is godly discipline an act of love? In what ways is refusing to discipline an act of hate?

What does obedience and honor look like for Christian children as they get older? What are some ways adult-age children can continue to honor their parents even when they are no longer under their parents' authority?

Our culture's wisdom often contrasts with God's design for the family. What are examples of prevailing wisdom in our culture about parenting or authority that conflicts with biblical truth, and how can we equip ourselves and others to stand firm?