



Sermon Discussion Guide

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Refresh

Read Ephesians 6:1-4 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

What does it mean that Paul specifically addresses fathers in Ephesians 6:4 rather than parents generally? How should this shape the way husbands and fathers understand their role in the home?

What are some specific ways that parents, especially fathers, can unintentionally provoke their children to anger? How can parents grow in their ability to discern whether their actions are provoking their children?

Mark described parenting as a stewardship and emphasized God's sovereign control over our children's lives. How do we balance parental responsibility with trusting God's sovereignty, especially when children stray from the truth?

Paul's command to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" is brief but profound. What does it practically look like to raise children in a Christ-centered way, not just with external behavior modification? Why is it so tempting to focus on external behavior modification when raising children?

How should the gospel, the good news of what Jesus has done, shape the way we parent? What would be different about a gospel-centered home compared to a moralistic or rule-heavy home? What are some practical steps parents can take to make their home gospel-centered?

For those living with regret over past parenting failures, there is hope in God's grace and power. How can believers encourage one another to process parenting failures with humility, repentance, and faith, rather than guilt or despair?