



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

### **August 10, 2025**

#### **Refresh**

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

#### **Discuss**

James 1 warns against being “hearers only” of the Word. What are some ways Christian parents might unintentionally fall into this trap when it comes to Ephesians 6:4? Why is this verse oftentimes challenging to live out?

Pastor Mark emphasized that discipline is a loving act, modeled by God toward His children. How does this biblical understanding of discipline differ from how our culture often views it? What does loving discipline from a parent toward a child look like?

In Hebrews 12, discipline is described as “painful rather than pleasant” but producing “the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” How can this perspective help us both endure God’s discipline in our lives, and also apply discipline as parents?

The sermon noted the balance between discipline (actions) and instruction (words). If you are a parent, which do you tend to emphasize more, and how might you grow in the other? Who is someone in your life that you’ve seen model this balance well? How might the group be encouraged or helped by their testimony of faithfulness in this regard?

“Firm, but kindly” was highlighted as the biblical pattern for discipline and instruction. What does this look like in practical, everyday situations with children, employees, or others under our care?

Paul ends verse 4 with “of the Lord,” framing the whole parenting task in relation to Christ. How does keeping Christ central shape the way we discipline and instruct, and how might we drift if He is not the focus?