

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Gospel & Parenting (The Everyday Gospel #3)

Week of Feb 17, 2019

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

Besides Jesus, who is the famous person you would most like to meet?

DISCUSSION

1. Although raising up children diligently in the Lord does not guarantee their salvation, why is it important? What purpose might it serve in a child's life?

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

2. God instructs that teaching children about Him should happen at every opportunity, day-in and day-out. Give examples of what this could look like.

Name some reasons why it is important for children to be constantly and consistently taught about God, rather than solely at church or designated times.

Read Ephesians 6:4 & Colossians 3:21

3. In both texts, fathers are told not to "provoke". What does it mean for a father to provoke his children?



Instead of provoking children to anger, what is a father instructed to do?

How could discouragement that has been brought upon by a parent be spiritually harmful to a child?

4. It is easy to falsely believe that children have come into parents' lives as a service to the parents, whether it be to boost reputation or fill an emotional need. Rather, children are to be viewed as fellow bearers of God's image. If modeled well, what might this principle look like in a Christian home?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. If you are a parent, what is one way you are living out the Bible's teachings well in your parenting? Conversely, is there an area you'd like to grow in?

If you are not a parent, think about the children God has placed in your life, whether through church, relation, neighborhood, or another avenue. How could you practically help to teach and show them who God is?

MEMORY VERSE

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

PRAYER

Close in prayer for the parents within the Riverwood family and our communities. Ask God would grant them the grace to daily impress the gospel upon their children.

