

life group study guide
"This is Home – Spiritual Parenting"
May 12, 2013



In Life Groups, kids, youth and adults study God's Word together and discuss the issues and challenges of life.

Paul tells us that after his conversion he intentionally spent some time with some men who would pour into him and guard his doctrine. Much in the same way that a parent spends time teaching and training their children - God has intended for wise men and wise women to mentor the next generation in the faith.

That paragraph is the commentary we received along with the verses Matt would use in today's sermon message. So let's look over mentoring the "next generation" in the faith today. I think any parent that loves their children wants to raise them, and mentor them to prepare them for life. Even non-Christian parents work hard to raise their children and want the best for them.

So notice that last sentence of that paragraph-- ... "*next generation in the faith.*" That statement makes all the difference in the world doesn't it?

Let's approach this from a different direction- If we assume that Christian parents do want to raise their children in the faith then...

Q:: What are some of the hindrances' to mentoring our children in the faith today?

Q:: Which one's do you find the most disconcerting as Christian parents/people?

Q:: Assuming you were raised in the faith, or have already raised your children in the faith, (such as my wife and I have already done), what were the difficulties we faced?

Q:: How are they different than today?

Q:: How do we compete with all the social media throwing the world's views at our children or grandchildren?

When we gather as like-minded believers in a class such as ours, it always seems easy to discuss our faith, and how we think things are or should be. However, as always, it comes down to how we share the message of our faith with the next generation, and all non-believers.

Q:: How do we instill the urgency of teaching a child in the way he or she should go?

I have grandkids and I fear for them in the world we currently live in, not just when it comes to faith, but life in general.

Q:: What is our role as grandparents in raising the next generation?

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Q:: How do we come along side our children or younger parents to assist them with mentoring their next generation?

Q:: What are the consequences of failing to bring up the next generation in the faith?

Q:: Where does such a failure put us as Christians and believers in this world?

Some straight forward discussion time--

[1] What were some of the things that you did as parents, or are doing as parents to bring up this next generation?

[2] How are we helping our children or friends to be better parents?

[3] How do we act as wise men and women in rising the next generation?