

Playlist

2 John 1:1-6

"It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us." - 2 John 1:4

As your group time begins consider one or more of the following questions to start the conversation:

Do you have a favorite "go to" playlist on your iTunes or Spotify account? What are some of the artists and genres? Be honest!

What kind of music or activities get you pumped up and get you moving?

Have there been any times recently that you felt like giving up as a Mom (or Dad!)? What happened and explain what got you through it.

Most of us would agree that Moms are awesome...especially our own! But even the cheeriest of mothers can get discouraged at times. We all can. The disciple John shares a few insights that can help lift us out of the doldrums of life to gain energy and move forward in those tough days. We just need to add them to our playlist!

The first thing to put on our playlist is the **TRUTH**. **Read 2 John 1:1-2 together.**

Why is it important that we know the truth (not just spiritual), and that we then pass it along to our children?

What false teachings are we in danger of accepting that may contradict John's words to live in truth AND love?

There is a very popular song on the radio right now that you or your children may know called "Stand by You." In it, the artist says, "Oh truth - I guess truth is what *you* believe in." How does this mentality go against what scripture teaches? What is the danger of this subtle suggestion?

The second thing we need to add to our playlist is to **PASS ON THE TRUTH**. **Read 2 John 1:4 together.**

Okay parents - who were the first people you passed the news onto when you had a child?

How are you sharing the truth of God's Word with your children? If you don't have children, what are some practical ways you can share the truth with co-workers, friends, and family?

Who was that "living link" in your life that connected you with the message of the Gospel? Where would you be now if you hadn't received that good news?

The final thing we should have on our playlist is to **LOVE GOD AND LOVE MAN.** Read **2 John 1:6 together.**

As a child, in what ways did your parent's love for you translate to obedience and even imitation? In other words, what good (or bad!) habits, sayings, or quirks did you pick up from them, and how are you seeing yourself in *your* children now?

Pastor Erik pointed us to **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**. What does this passage mean to you in your parenting and other relationships within the context of obedience?

Where are your "loved ones" watching you that you may need to show improvement in loving them or others? What unloving things have you done that came back to bite you when your kids imitated you?

2 Peter 1:5-9 outlines a litmus test for our growth in Christ. Read the passage and discuss the traits that should be increasing in our lives. How can we help our children and the younger generation grow in the same ways? What does v.8 say the result will be? Explain.

Pray:

As you close your group time pray for the mothers in your group and thank God for the mothers that came before you. Pray the Lord would speak truth into your heart and that you would pass the Truth on to your children or those loved ones you have the privilege of loving! Ask God to make you the living embodiment of His love - a love that gave it all for you!

Connect:

Ephesians 4:15, 21-24: "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church... Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the *truth that comes from him*, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and *deception*. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy."