

Rock Solid

Foundations for Families

Life Group Discussion Questions – August 14, 2022

What is the role of servant **PARENTS** Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:1-4

FOUR 'MUST DO' foundational practices for kids and grandkids

1. **GOD** is... **CREATOR**, love, approachable, watching
Hebrews 11:6

Because He created it, He gets to **DEFINE** it and how it **WORKS**

All of life flows out of a **LOVE** relationship with God

He scribbles in His **DIARY** Revelation 20:12

2. Love is a **VERB**... toward family, neighbors, helpless, unsaved

Love **MOTIVATES** action and non-action, even if it's hard – Love
unseen is just a nice feeling

Love is more **CAUGHT** than taught

3. Rules are **TOOLS**... for **LOVING** God, for keeping me **SAFE**,
for **BUILDING** a rock solid life.

Almost all good in life comes through **SUBMISSION**

HOLY life choices and practices knit us to God's **HEART**

– clear **CONSCIENCE** living

What I put in the **SOUP** I eventually eat with my **SPOON**

4. **CHARACTER** counts... at home, in friend group,
in the **MARKETPLACE**

Character is developed, it's not **NATURAL**

DISCIPLINING is part of parenting! Proverbs 13:24, 22:15, 23:13

Hidden **VERSES** are lamps to their feet and gates of protection
Psalm 119:9, 11

Everyone is looking for a person with **BIBLICAL** Character

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up.*

DISCOVER

1. In your opinion, who was the greatest inventor of all time and why? Did they automatically become the single, greatest authority on the principles of operation of their invention(s)? When there are problems with an invention, what should we do? Is invention the same thing as creation? Make a list of the things God has created. If we have problems with His creation, what should we do?
2. What kinds of things in God's creation are routinely redefined by culture? What are the dangers when these redefinitions are only a close approximation to God's intentions? How has culture redefined the meaning of the words "love," "family," and "parenting?"
3. Why should God get to define and tell us how parenting should work? How have we redefined families and roles within the family?

EXPLORE

1. Read Judges 2:10-12. What "fathers" is God referring to? What instruction was given to the people of Israel? Why do you think the people followed God while Joshua and the elders were alive, but then turned away after they died? Any similar comparisons today?
2. Read Revelation 20:12. God keeps accurate records and you will eventually have to give an account of your parenting. What will be some of the positives and negatives written for you in the Book of Life regarding your parenting?
3. How can discipline do more harm than good if not done biblically? If we discipline our children as instructed by the word of God, does this ensure that no harm will befall the kids? Explain.

EXPERIENCE

1. Most parents can express a feeling of inadequacy in teaching their children biblical principles. As parents, what are some concrete things we can do to change this attitude in us towards our children who we are training to live within the home (0-13 years)? ...in our children who we are training to live outside the home (14-21 years)? ...in our children who have already left the home?
2. What is good about having rules? What are they intending to do? How do rules change as kids mature and earn new freedom?
3. How can believing parents lead their children so that there will be Kingdom impact from generation to generation? How can we demonstrate God's love for them through us?

PRAY

Pray... Our Gracious God and Father, with fresh eyes, help me to see challenges in child-rearing as opportunities to direct right thinking and living. Help me to be compassionate to my children as I remember what struggles I faced as I grew up. Help me to see them as You designed them to be and for me to see how You intended me to be as a parent. Help me to make all these moments count in Your diary in Heaven.