

Rock Solid

Foundations for Families: Value, Roles, Servant Hearts

What is the Role of a servant **CHILD**? Ephesians 6:1-4

Four **MUST** have practices to master before you leave home!

1. When does a **KID** become a **GOAT**? vs. 1

When I no longer need a **HANDOUT**

Moving from '**OBEYING**' to '**HONORING**'

2. Whoever **CREATES** it gets to **DEFINE** it and how it **WORKS**

God created the **UNIVERSE** John 1:3; Colossians 1:16

God created **PEOPLE**

God invented human **LOVE**

God made the '**LAWS OF LIFE**'

PARENTS made your family

3. Freedom is found inside the **FENCES** vs. 2-3

Why the **FIFTH** commandment? What's the '**PROMISE**'

Kicking against the **GOADS** only hurts you Acts 26:14

4. What you put in your **SOUP** you eventually eat with

your **SPOON**

Universe of actions and CONSEQUENCES Galatians 6:7-8

Keep **FOOLISHNESS** out of the bowl Proverbs 30:17

Life Group Discussion Questions – August 21, 2022

Ephesians 6:1-4 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may turn out well for you, and that you may live long on the earth. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

DISCOVER

1. What are the four 'must have' practices that kids need before they leave home? What is the significance of spiritual, intellectual, physical and social lessons for kids to learn before moving away from home? How can the church contribute to each practice?
2. Exodus 20:12 says "'Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the Lord your God gives you.'" At what point in life does the fifth commandment no longer apply to us? How do we continue to honor parents even when we are no longer children? Are there any experiences you had as a child that you passed onto your children for their good? What are some examples?
3. As children, what can be learned that is good preparation for parenting? How do Christian children have an advantage over children growing up in homes without unbelieving parents? Are there some ways in which children from Christian homes go into life with a disadvantage?

EXPLORE

1. Recall or read the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:1-17. How is freedom found by keeping the commandments? In what ways does this apply to children as they grow in wisdom and stature? What can happen to children as they step outside of the boundaries given by parents?
2. Read Acts 26:14. How does kicking against the goads apply to children? Why is it important for children to learn that stepping outside of God's plan may lead to unintended consequences? How did this apply to you as a child? How have you seen this in children including your own?
3. Read Galatians 6:7-8. Phil taught us that "what you put into the soup you eventually eat with your spoon". How does this apply to worldly teachings? How does this apply to biblical lessons for children?

EXPERIENCE

1. How did you give your parents grief by not listening to their wisdom or by disobeying their rules? What lessons of grace might you have experienced because of your wayward moments or years?
2. When do you stop being a child? At what age did you move away from home? What do you wish your parents would have taught you, but didn't? What did they teach you that you did not take to be important when you were still at home?
3. What lessons have you learned from kids? How do those lessons give you hope for tomorrow?

PRAY

Pray...God, we have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth (3 John 1:4). If they are not walking in the truth then we plead for them to open their eyes and hearts to the one true God.

Action...Reminisce about something good you learned as a child and share with your group.

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