

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of May 23, 2021

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS ARE DIFFERENT THAN NORMAL. Since each LifeGroup has people in different stages of life, please choose the ones that best apply to your group.

- "Icebreakers"
 - What is one of your favorite childhood memories of one of your parents?
 - What is something you want to emulate or not emulate from your family of origin?
- For everyone:
 - What do most parents and institutions prepare children to do with their lives?
 - In your own words, what should Christian parents put before children as their life mission? (See Ephesians 6:4b)
- Stage 1 - Discipline - 0-5yrs:
 - Read Proverbs 22:15 and 29:17. What do these verses tell us about the goal of discipline?
 - Hebrews 12 gives us a good example of discipline by talking about how God the Father disciplines us. What are some ways that you have seen discipline done well (like God) and done poorly (unlike God)?
 - Why do you think that parents don't discipline their children today?
 - The goal of discipline is to lead them to Jesus. What should this look like?
 - The key to discipline is consistency. How are you doing with this?
- Stage 2 - Training - 5-12 yrs:
 - Read Ephesians 6:4. What does this verse have to do with "training" children?
 - The goal of training is to lead them to Jesus. What should this look like?
 - Why do you think that parents don't train their children today?
 - The key to training is consistency. How are you doing with this?
 - Fast-forward 25 years: If your children follow your example, how content will you be?
- Stage 3 - Coaching - 12-18 yrs:
 - This is the stage where they begin to make their own decisions. How can we coach them to make wise decisions?
 - The goal of coaching is to lead them to Jesus. What should this look like?
 - Why do you think that parents don't coach their children today?
 - The key to coaching is consistency. How are you doing with this?
 - Can you think of times that have been "coachable" moments?
- Stage 4 - Friendship - 18+:
 - Why do you think that parents don't want to 'let go' in this stage?
 - The goal of this stage is to lead them to Jesus. What should this look like?
 - The key to this stage is consistency. How are you doing with this?
 - Each stage requires the child to know that they are loved and that there are clear boundaries. In this stage, it is often the parent that needs to be reminded of the need for boundaries. What are some examples of this?