



Parents

Ephesians 6:4

Sunday, November 8, 2020

5. Gospel Parenting includes TRAINING DISCIPLINE.

6. Gospel Parenting includes _____.

7. Gospel Parenting is all about helping our kids _____ and _____ Jesus.

TAKE A NEXT STEP

- _____: Take some time this week to evaluate your recent parenting in light of these 7 Biblical principles. Identify one or two strengths and one or two growth areas. Pray for the growth areas!
- _____: Find an opportunity to engage your kids and ask them, "What is one way I can love and connect with you better to build a stronger relationship going forward?"
- _____: Pray for the strengthening and growth of families at Grace Central Coast.

We continue our study of the book of Ephesians with God's Word to Parents in Ephesians 6:4. Though just one verse, there's a bunch of stuff here in the text and the context that we need to know and understand about God's design for the family and our role as parents . . .

7 Biblical Principles for Gospel Parenting:

1. Gospel Parenting flows from a parent's own relationship with God as _____.
2. Gospel Parenting is meant to happen in the context of a healthy _____ family.
3. Gospel Parenting grows out of a healthy Gospel-centered _____.
4. Gospel Parenting begins with a _____ and _____ relationship.

NEXT WEEK: *Servants and Masters | Ephesians 6:5-9*



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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

If you have kids, at home or grown, share one strength and one growth area in your parenting.

If you don't have kids, share one positive and one negative takeaway from your parental upbringing.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's word together)*

1. Read Ephesians 6:1-4. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you or challenge you?
2. Though Ephesians 6:4 is applicable for both fathers and mothers, why does Paul specifically address fathers here?

3. What do we know about fathers in the 1st Century Roman Empire that makes God's instruction through Paul so radical and counter-cultural in Ephesians 6:4? How does this verse "check" and "direct" the authority of parents?
4. "The Biblical and Gospel pattern is relationship before rules, love before limits, bonding before boundaries." Explain that statement. Would you say that was the pattern in your family of origin? Has it been your pattern as a parent?
5. Of the 7 biblical principles of Gospel parenting, which was the most challenging, meaningful and/or timely for you? Why?
6. How is the Gospel the PATTERN for parenting? How is the Gospel the GOAL of parenting? How is the Gospel the MEANS of parenting? How is the Gospel the COMFORT in parenting?

PRAY

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for it to end soon.
- Pray for your own kids, your own family dynamics and your own parenting.
- Pray for one another in light of the things shared in your discussion.