

“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”
(Proverbs 22:6)

Power in Prayer

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

LIFE WORK: _____, _____, _____

Discipline Brings Life

Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them. (Proverbs 13:24)

Hebrew Word MUSAR = _____

⁴ “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

LIFE WORK: Take a _____ of _____ _____ Directing

Loving by Listening

“Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.”
(Proverbs 18:2)

“Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.” (Proverbs 18:13)

LIFE WORK: Take turns answering this question:

“What is one thing you want more of, or less of in your relationship?”

Share deeply. Share emotions. Share “why.” Practice listening deeply to each other. Listen to understand, not to fix. Listen as an act of love for that person.

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION NOTES

1. What is your goal in parenting? If you aren't sure, think about your interaction with your kids – what are you typically trying to achieve in your interactions? What do you say to your kids most often?

(If you aren't a parent: what is your primary motivator in life? What guides your actions and decisions? If you aren't sure, think about how you spend your time and money.)

1 Corinthians 14:1a Let love be your highest goal.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

2. How might your communication (with your kids, or others you influence) change if you would make love your highest goal?

3. In what do you pride yourself in parenting (or other relationships)? How might that aspect of parenting (or other relationships) get even better if love was your goal?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

4. It is time for an honest self-assessment. Open your Bibles to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Tell your group how you are doing the best at loving your kids? (For those who don't have kids, how do you do best at loving others?)

5. Still looking into this passage, where do you most need to grow in loving your kids? (Or your spouse, or others?)

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