



God's Design for Raising of Children

Icebreaker: Who are you most thankful for this week?

Read Together: Ephesians 5:1 (ESV)

Discuss:

- What was God speaking to you as Jason spoke this week?
- The biblical environment of the home is full of grace.
 - What helps you to have grace for your kids?
 - What circumstances most often cause you to lose grace with your kids?

Read Together: Colossians 1:2,3:20 (ESV), 1 Timothy 3:4-5 (ESV), Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Standards in the home are for the child's future not for the parents' temporary convenience.
 - What standards are easiest for you to uphold with firmness and grace?
 - What standards do you struggle to put in place or maintain?

Read Together: Deuteronomy 8:5 (ESV), Hebrews 12:5-7 (ESV)

Discuss:

- The biblical home is familiar with discipline.
 - What is the difference between Biblical discipline and Punishment?
 - How well do you implement discipline?
 - What is something God is challenging you to do differently this week?
 - What is one way that you felt encouraged as you listened to Jason?

Read Together: Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV), Galatians 6:1 (NIV), Ephesians 4:32 (NIV), Proverbs 23:13-14 (NIV)

Discuss:

- **Lessons from God about discipline**
- Discipline is not punishment:
 - How does God get to your heart?
 - How do you think we get to the heart of our children?
- Discipline is for correction:
 - Talk about God's heart in correction. What is His ultimate goal in correcting us?
 - How well do you imitate God's heart of correcting with your kiddos?

- Discipline is Love:
 - Jason said that parents who do not discipline their children are showing hatred toward them. Have you ever seen an example of that statement in daily life?
- Who do you think God would like you to share with this week regarding what you have learned from this message?

Pray:

Take some time to pray for the parents in your group. If people feel they have failed, take time to pray for them and encourage them to look for ways to redeem mistakes made in parenting. If people have excelled, pray that they will continue to grow more and more godly in their parenting. Pray for the hearts of the children represented and commit them to God once again.