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|  | <p>Life Group Discussion Guide May 10, 2015</p> |  |
| <p>Discussion Questions</p> | | <p>Leader Notes</p> |
| <p><i>"Parenting has become more complicated than it needs to be. It used to be, as far as I can tell, that Christian parents basically tried to feed their kids, clothe them, teach them about Jesus, and keep them away from explosives."</i> -Kevin DeYoung</p> | | <p>Helpful Hint: Get people involved in the discussion by asking non-threatening questions that will engage the whole group.</p> |
| <p>Discussion Kick Off 1. What is your favorite childhood memory of your mom? 2. What is one aspect of your parents' parenting skill that you emulate or would never emulate?</p> | | <p>No one is poor who had a godly mother. -Abraham Lincoln</p> |
| <p>Evaluate It 1. Stuart said, "It seems that we live in a world where kids are safer than ever before, but parental anxiety is skyrocketing." Why is this? 2. What method do we find in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kiddos the ways and commands of our loving Heavenly Father? How does being crazy busy hinder God's method? 3. In Proverbs 23, we find that as parents, we are not to withhold discipline from our children. Why is this? How can being crazy busy affect our ability to successfully discipline our children? 4. What is the best way to "Train a child in the way he should go," so that "When he is old he will not turn from it?"</p> | | <p>SCRIPTURE PASSAGE Read Deuteronomy 6:7, Proverbs, 23:13-14 and Proverbs 22:6. Make it more interesting by reading from the Message version (free on the You Version Bible App).</p> |
| <p>Make It Personal 1. Someone asked you, "What do you think is the number one thing God wants us to do as parents?" How would you answer that? Does God's number one match your number one? 2. Is there anything in your life that is preventing you from training your child in the way our Heavenly Father deems they should go? 3. Your kids are observing your relationship with Christ. Are you loving Jesus in front of them? Does your relationship with Christ inspire them to want to know Him, too? Why or why not?</p> | | <p>At the end of the discussion, take a moment to take prayer requests from the group (if you haven't done so) and pray for your group before you end your time together.</p> |
| <p>A four-year-old and a six-year-old presented their Mom with a houseplant. They had used their own money and she was thrilled. The older of them said, with a sad face, "There was a bouquet that we wanted to give you at the flower shop. It was real pretty, but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said, 'Rest In Peace,' and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest."</p> <p>A teacher asked a boy this question: Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you--your parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get? A sixth, replied the boy. I'm afraid you don't know your fractions, said the teacher, Remember, there are seven of you. Yes, teacher, said the boy, but you don't know my mother. Mother would say she didn't want any pie.</p> | | |

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table or life group?

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

Where do they meet?

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a table or life group? Leadership can be shared or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
 - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
 - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or jason@fcctown.com.

If you would like to talk with a minister,
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