

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Love Handles” (pt. 2) – 4/19/2015

Scripture: Colossians 3:17, 21

Bottom Line: Parents have the privilege of pointing their kids to Jesus.

INTRODUCTION: What are some really bad stories of parenting and some really good stories of parenting that you have encountered? Go around the room and share. In this discussion, we will see how Christ desires for parents to build growing relationships with their children that will point them to him.

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Colossians 3:17, 21

What is the goal or purpose of parenting as a Christian?

- Our goal is not simply to raise good, moral kids or kids that are completely self-sufficient members of society.
- The point of Christian parenting is to point our kids to Jesus. We cannot save our kids but we can definitely shape the environment for the Holy Spirit to produce salvation and godliness in their lives.

How do you encourage (not provoke) your kids to Jesus?

- It starts with you. Are you finding your value and worth in who Christ says that you are, or is your worth being shaped by your career or your kids? Your kids will see what matters supremely to you and it will have a massive impact on them.

What is the result of making your kids your supreme worth in this world?

- If they are your source of things that only God is really the source for, then they will think they are God. Making your children your whole world, puts the weight of the whole world on your children

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

How do you find your value in Christ daily?

- Lean on what Christ has done for you. Think about what is promised to you because of what Christ's work has earned.

What steps can you take daily to encourage your kids to Jesus?

- Let your kids see and hear you enjoying Jesus.
- Watch your words, they carry weight.
- Choose discipline over punishment. Discipline is training for a purpose.

There's no such thing as a perfect parent. Take comfort in the fact that you can always run to your perfect heavenly Father. Grace abounds with him!