

Discussion Questions

Ephesians 6:1-4 - Really Real Relationships (Children)

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Ice Breaker (Optional. Take just a few minutes on this):

1. If there was one thing you could change about your parents, what would it be?

Reflecting on the Passage

1. Read Ephesians 6:1-4 aloud. What words, phrases or ideas catch your attention or raise a question for you?
2. Why is a child's obedience to his or her parents pleasing to the Lord? (v. 1)
3. How is obedience to parents part of a child's obligation to Christ? (v. 1)
4. What does it mean to "honor your father and mother"? (vss 2-3)
5. What was promised to the Israelites who honored their parents? (vss 2-3)
6. How does God's commandment and promise hold true today?
7. What does God want fathers to do and not to do? (v. 4)
8. How should children be reared and nourished? (v. 4)

Reflecting on your Life

9. What from this passage can you use to 1) encourage a believer or, 2) share the gospel with an unbeliever?
10. Many young couples are anxious about having children and starting a family because of the challenging times in which we live. How do the instructions from this passage offer hope and assurance for such parents?
11. Why should parents pay attention to their child's natural inclinations and interests?
12. How can a parent avoid exasperating his or her children?
13. Why is it easier for children to obey fair and loving parents rather than unreasonable and demanding parents?
14. At Trinity, when a baby is dedicated in a worship service, we read aloud from our Trinity Commitment the following: *We promise to bring up those in our care in the training and instruction of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.* What are some intentional ways we do this as a church? What are some creative ways we could grow to do this more?

Deeper into Scripture

15. How can the following scripture passages inform our views on the parent/child relationship: Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 127:3-5; Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Hebrews 12:7-11; Luke 2:52 ([see this article](#) for helpful explanations of several of these passages)

From the bulletin.... ***Kingdom Implications for Your Life:***

16. *Consider the past/ present relationship to the parent(s) God has given you in your life. In what ways can you grow in showing honor? Consider the past/ present relationship to the child(ren) God has given in your life. In what ways can you grow in nourishing them?*