

Session One – “You First!”

Expectations for our time together:

1. _____ Together
2. _____ Together
3. We are all at _____ places
4. _____ BIBLE BIBLE!
5. Ask _____

You First!

We Are All _____ of God

- **1 John 3:1**
 - **See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!**

Knowing our role as a Child of God _____

This IS our _____

God wants _____ most

Mirror Illustration

- We are a _____ of God
 - We are made in HIS image
- Our kids are also a _____ of God
 - They are made in His image
- Our kids are also a reflection of _____

When they do something particularly bad, strange, insecure...

- This is a _____ TIME to go to God

My relationship with God is the most _____ relationship I can have for my kids!

- If I am not _____ to look and deal with the tough parts of my own life
 - Why would we _____ or think our kids would now or later in life?
- If you have a strong, healthy _____ with God
 - Your kids will likely reflect this as well
- If your relationship with God is _____
 - You'll see this in your kids as well

Take the Mirror Home and put it somewhere as a reminder of two things:

- You were created in the ***IMAGE*** of God!
- Your kids are often a ***REFLECTION*** of you

James _____

- "Every good and perfect gift comes from above..."

Our kids have been given to us as a _____ from God

- **God _____ us with these kids!**
 - **Ps. 127:3-5**
 - "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in ones youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court."
 - **Prov. 10:16**
 - The wages of the righteous is life, but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.

_____ HIS voice in your parenting FIRST

- **Means I'm leaning into God's plan**
 - **Not my own plan**
 - **Not my selfishness**
 - **Not my fears**
- **You Are The _____ – You're IT!**
 - **Mom or Dad**

- **Congrats, God Chose YOU!**

- **You are the _____ parent for your child.**

A FEW _____

- **1. WE want to _____ perfect, put-together, successful, etc**
- **2. WE have a hard time _____ for help from one another**
- **3. WE go to special or new content _____**
- **4. WE _____ the leading of God**
 - **To speak to us on behalf of our kids**
 - **He knows them better than I do**
 - **He knows their future**
 - **He's asking you to steward it**

QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

- **When you don't know what to do with your kids what is your first response?**

Proverbs 1:30-31

- Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke,
³¹ they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

Proverbs 10:17

- Whoever heads discipline shows the way of life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.
 - This is _____
 - If _____ get this
 - You will be able to teach it to your kids
 - IF you _____ IT
 - Your kids will be hindered from fully understanding the powerful way of God

Proverbs 3:5-6

- My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
² for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
- ³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
- ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.^[a]

- ⁷ *Do not be wise _____; fear the Lord and shun evil.*
- ⁸ *This will bring _____ to your body and _____ to your bones.*

God's _____ for each parent

- **Proverbs 2:1-11**

3 IF's and a THEN

1. IF you _____ my words, _____ up my commands within you, _____ your ear to wisdom and _____ your heart to understanding

- **2 Tim 3:16**
 - **All scripture is used for training in righteousness**

2. IF you _____ _____ for insight and cry aloud for understanding

- **Jer. 29:12**
 - **Then you will call on my and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.**

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3. IF you _____ _____ as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure

THEN....

- You will _____ the fear of the Lord

- **AND**
- _____ the knowledge of God

THEN....

- You will _____ what is right and just and fair – every good path
- You will know _____ good path!!!

When you do this:

- _____ of God will _____ your heart
 - God's wisdom is far better than my own!
- **1 Cor. 1:25**
 - "The foolishness of God is wiser than ours"
- **James 3:17**
 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.
- _____ will protect you
 - Discretion is broken down as "_____"

God's wisdom

- Takes the _____ off of me
 - Allows me to gain direction, understanding and purpose

Playdough Exercise

- **John 7:38**
 - **Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.**

What are Three things I learned from this exercise:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

We have a specific _____ on shaping and molding our kids

- **This is a progression of influence**
 - Many see this as a “more time with babies” and less with teens
- **This is not _____**
- **The _____ your child becomes**
 - The _____ influence you should have in their life

- **Google gives _____ but has no _____**
 - **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR KIDS to _____ or gain wisdom on their own!**

My responsibility is to _____ and _____ as God leads me with each child

Table Time

What are your key takeaways from this session?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What are some things to work on or change?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

At the table you are at

- **Share one thing that stuck out to you**
- **One thing you'd like to work on or need help with**
- **Pray for one another**

TOMORROW @ 10am

- **Session 2 :**
 - **1. Teaching Our Kids about the Lord**
 - **2. Partnering in Parenting**
 - **3. Behavior and Attitudes and Discipline**

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