



COMPEL
CHURCH

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: “What Matters” - Week 8: Parenting

Recap the Highlights:

Parenting Matters

- Parent-Centered families are a priority in today’s culture.
- Understand the role of parenting through God’s created order.
- Understand the role of authority in our child’s development.
- Understand the role of discipline and instruction.
- Parent in a world where children are not in the power position.
- **Kid’s need to know:**
 - They are loved unconditionally.
 - Where they fit into the family.
 - That they are not equal to mom and dad.
 - Their parents love each other.
 - They are not ours, but God’s— parents are the stewards.

Now Dig Deeper:

1. “The purpose of instruction is to develop their character rather than change their behavior.” How does understanding this change they way to look at parenting in the various stages?

Stage #1: Loving Discipline (ages 1-5) - “Model”

The purpose at the discipline stage is to teach that actions have consequences, both good and bad.

Discipline out of love not anger with consistent boundaries.

Stage #2: Training (ages 5-12) - “Guide”

The purpose at the training stage is to nurture a love for God and others in the hearts of our kids.

Make the Emotional investment.

Parenting Matters

Stage #3: Coaching (age 13-18) “Mentor”

The purpose at the coaching stage is to release your kids to establish their own biblical convictions and apply them

Stage #4: Friendship (ages 18/20+) - “Encourager and champion”

The purpose at the friendship stage is to release your kids to be mature, responsible adults. They need to hear the truth, the stories, and the values that matter.

2. Dig into some of the scriptures discussed in the message this week and allow them to nourish the soil of your hearts on parenting.

Scripture References:

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Proverbs 22:15
- Proverbs 23:13
- Proverbs 19:18
- Hebrews 12:10-11
- Ephesians 6:4
- Psalm 127:3-4

Respond & Pray:

- A. Through this series we have learned that our origin matters, standards matter, our identity matters, our design matters, community matters, love matters, marriages matter, and how we parent matters to God. Share what challenged you the most from this week’s strong message on God’s roles for parenting.
- B. Pastor Patrick encouraged us to, “Raise God’s kids not good kids”. Pray personally for the courage and wisdom to redirect your perspective on what kids need in today’s challenging times. Align your household to sow seeds that bear godly fruit.
- C. Pray over one another’s families and how we can use our gifts and roles to reach the next generation to seek first the Kingdom of God.

***For Parenting resources:** See Paul David Tripp and Tim Elmore