



# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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## Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: Following Jesus into Relationships

Sermon: Gaining Jesus' ... in Parenting

### Recap the Highlights:

1. **Prioritize** your relationships.
  - a. **Parent**-centered vs. **Child**-centered family
2. Engage your role
  - a. Not an Owner but a **Steward**
  - b. Not as their Advisor, but their **Authority**
    - i. The purpose of your authority in their lives is Not to hold them under your power, but to empower them to be self-controlled people living freely under the authority of God.
3. Live Daily in His **Mercy**

### Now Dig Deeper:

1. Parenting is more difficult than ever before. Talk about the reasons for this and ways to overcome these challenges as parents.
2. Pastor spoke about parents projecting fear onto our children. We undoubtedly project so much more - think about when you are stressed or upset with your spouse. What are these examples and how can take steps to lessen our outward behaviors?
3. Think about the examples of Parenting as a peer, micromanager, and from fear. I'm sure many of us parent because of how we were raised. There are good and bad things about how each of us was raised. What are the best lessons from this and how can we improve?
4. Talk about how to raise children in a Christ-centered home while being parent-centered. What are practical ways we can improve in this are?

### Respond & Pray:

- Pray as a group to improve on keeping Christ in the center of our family. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to you when you need guidance.