

Sermon Discussion Guide 2/24-3/2 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Fearless: Parenting - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance in FellowshipOne / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other. Download/email resources from www.vgroups.org. Source for study guide, covenant, and more.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Parenting is a challenge, especially in today's culture. What do you think is one of the toughest things you did / do / will face as a parent?

Discussion Questions: (45 mins)

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Identify the 3 focus points from the sermon.
2. Being a parent is the toughest, most draining, challenging, fulfilling, rewarding, exciting, and crucial job a person can have. And as Christians, you are training new Believers & raising godly adults (Malachi 2:15)! Seems like there would be a "Child raisin' for Dummies" or a few youtube videos that would show us exactly how to do it. Well, there's something better...take a look at these verses together.
 - a. Deuteronomy 6:4-7
 - b. Psalms 127:3-4
 - c. Proverbs 13:24, 22:1-6, 29:15
 - d. Malachi 2:13-15
 - e. Romans 5:8
 - f. Ephesians 6:4
 - g. Colossians 3:20-21
 - h. Titus 2:6-8
 - i. 1 John 3:16-18
3. What direction does the Bible give to parents in regards to raising children?
4. What are children called in Psalms 127?
5. How do you maintain a sense of appreciation of this gift in the midst of a bad day or a battle of wills with your children? How do you show love in these tense moments?
 - a. Have you ever thought about God growing you through your children?
 - b. How has God used your children (or your desire for children) to draw you into a deeper relationship with Him?
6. Erik asked the question that people have been asking for centuries: What is LOVE?
 - a. Thinking about parenting & children, how would you describe love?
 - b. Children are great mimickers, it's a way they learn to do lots of things. In what ways can you teach your mimickers about love? About God? About a relationship with Christ? Give examples of love being lived out or put into action in your home.
7. (Review for some. New for those meeting on alternating weeks) As we continue thinking about our story, focus today & this week on your moment of Salvation. Who helped you understand what becoming a Christian meant? Describe your salvation experience.

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

