

Small Group Questions

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God Never Said That

Message: "Godly Parenting = Good Kids"

This six week series will examine some of the most common statements that sound biblical but are not found in the Bible. These beliefs can misguide us versus God's reliable direction for our lives. Some of the statements have become a part of our culture so that they sound American as well as spiritual. Each week, we will unpack one statement and look at the reality of what God revealed to us about that idea from one central passage.

The hope of this series is to model the value of biblical accuracy and to apply God's truth in various areas of life. It is likely that these statements will provoke a lot of conversation and perhaps even some pushback. The pushback may well be challenges against the ideas we seek to correct. As always, please know that as a group leader, you are not on an island. If you have questions brought to you or situations where you feel you need help, please reach out to the staff.

Thank you once again for your service to God by loving the people in your group!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What was the most awkward or frustrating family photo session you've experienced?
2. (For Parents, or future parents) What is one thing you hope your children accomplish in their lifetime?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Luke 15:11-32.

3. Try to put this story in today's perspective... as the father (or parental figure), how would you have handled your child asking for an inheritance before its due time?
4. What stages does this younger brother go through on his journey? What is his attitude that he approaches his father with?
5. How does the father respond to the son's return? How would you have responded?... honestly.

Read Ephesians 5:1-2

6. In your own words, what do you think it means to be an imitator of Christ?
7. Based on the above passage, what type of life are we called to live? What does that look like?
8. What type of legacy(s) do you want to leave behind? For not only your children, but the people whom you have influence over. What steps should you take today, to begin ensuring that?