



Asking For a Friend: Pt. 5; How Do I Raise My Kids to Love & Follow Jesus?

Throughout Scripture, God is pretty clear about the responsibility he places in the hands of parents. Children are going to learn about the world around them and their role in it and if they don't learn from us, they will learn from someone else. As parents, or someone who has influence over children, we must demonstrate real faith through our daily actions. A faith that puts the focus on loving God and loving others as the main priority. If we do this, we can lead an entire generation into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Bottom Line: Parents have the primary responsibility to raise their children to love and follow Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. If you were given 5 additional hours in each day, how would you spend that extra time?
2. It is a fact that children will repeat what they see and hear - faith included. How was Christianity modeled to you as a child? What are you continuing to model as an adult? Have you introduced new behavior into your own spiritual walk?
3. Discuss what activities you consider to be vital parts of a health marriage? Did you see those modeled for you as a child? Why do those things matter?
4. What influences outside the home can be helpful or a hinderance to goals that families set for their children? What can they do to maximize or minimize the impact of these influences?
5. **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7.** If you are married and have children, describe some changes that you can make in your family's pace or schedule to better foster your ability to disciple your children? If you have grown children or no children, what can you do to intentionally disciple the younger generation?
6. **Read Proverbs 4:23.** How can you protect the innocence of your children or the children with whom you have influence over?
7. If you are a parent, what is your parenting goal? How will you seek to achieve that goal?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.