

Parenting: Winning the Battle for Your Child's Heart

Destination Parenting

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

Have you ever established a goal for your parenting or grandparenting? If so, how has it shaped your relationship with your child(ren) or grandchild(ren)? If you haven't, how might having a goal be helpful in your relationships with the kids in your life?

1. Read John 13:34 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

Have you ever read this verse with how you parent your children in mind? If you are to love your kids the way Jesus loves you, how does or should that affect your relationship with them?

List all the words you can think of to describe the way Jesus loves you.

What are you communicating to your kids about the love of Jesus for them, by the way you model His love to them?

Where do you need to grow in loving your child(ren) the way Jesus does?

2. Read Ephesians 6:4.

What do your words, tone of voice, body language, attitude or emotions communicate to your child about how to navigate challenges in life and relationships – particularly between parent and child? What are your kids learning from you through the ways you respond and react to them?

What adjustments or corrections do you need to make in how you interact with your kids?

3. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Galatians 6:9.

What encouragement do these verses provide for you specifically related to parenting?

In what aspect of parenting do you find it most difficult to trust God with your kids? Where are you tempted to try to exert control? What do you need to do differently in that area?