

Parenting: Winning the Battle for Your Child's Heart
The Four Stages of Parenting
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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Read through this passage and consider how these statements apply to parenting. How have you seen these seasons or 'times' in your journey as a parent?

How might being intentional about noticing and responding to the season your child is in be helpful in your parenting? How have you adjusted your parenting as your child grows?

2. Read James 1:5.

Where do you usually turn when you need some parenting help or advice? What does this verse say about where we *should* turn for wisdom?

What is it that keeps you from going to God first when you need help in parenting?

What does James say about how God will respond to a request for wisdom?

3. Read Proverbs 3:18.

How is wisdom described in this verse? What do you think that means?

What does it mean to embrace wisdom? What will happen to those who do so?

What synonyms can you come up with for the word 'happy'? What should you do if you want those words to describe your life?

4. Read James 3:17

What does this verse say wisdom looks like? Do these words accurately describe your parenting?

Which aspect of wisdom are you reflecting well in your parenting and which do you need to work on?

5. Read Luke 15:11b – 24.

Consider this parable from the perspective of the father. What stands out to you about him? How does this story encourage you?