

February 23 – March 1

Walk Worthy In My Family & Marriage | Children and Parents

Icebreaker: What was your relationship with your parents like? What was the dynamic like of your obedience to them and their discipline of you?

In this session, we will consider how God must be central to the family dynamic between children and parents.

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

- What does it mean to honor your father and mother?
- What is the connection between honoring and obeying? When does obeying end? When does honoring end?
- What would be the difference between obedience that is done for the Lord and obedience that is not?
- Why is the promise essential? How do promises motivate obedience?
- How does obedience to parents lead to the prosperity of the children?
- Why are Fathers explicitly addressed with the command not to provoke children to anger?
- What kinds of things would fit under the discipline and instruction of the Lord?
- Why should parents be the leading people who teach their children about following the Lord? Why are they more important than what children receive from the church?

Application

- Why would effective instruction of the Lord lead to more obedient children?
- How might any parent provoke their child to anger? What causes parents to respond to them in ways that bring about anger?
- Where is the line between giving discipline to a child and provoking anger in a child?
- What are the most effective ways you have found to teach your children about the Lord? (Or effective ways you have observed from your own or other parents?)
- Think about the equation (Grace + Truth)Time => Growth
 - What would a family be like that had no grace?
 - What would a family be like that had no truth?
 - What would a family be like if it didn't consider that growth happens at a different rate for different people?
 - What would it be like for a family that didn't understand what true growth looks like?
 - What kind of family did you grow up in?
 - What is your personal bias between grace and truth?