

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SNATCHING THEM FROM THE FIRE
Raising Champions for Christ — Week 2

ICEBREAKER: When is it necessary to take the law into your own hands?

OVERVIEW: What is a parent's most urgent and important task? If you believe the Bible, then it is to snatch your children from the fire. In this discussion we will talk about why this is so urgent and important, and how parents can become effective "home missionaries," saving their children from eternal destruction.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. In the movie "The Gladiator," General Maximus Decimus Meridius said to his men before battle, "What we do in life echoes in eternity." How does this statement apply to Christian parents?
3. The sermon described the four most important things parents need to know. One: Hell is real. Two: Eternity is a long time. Three: Jesus is the only way to heaven. Four: Most Christians accept Christ when they are young. What does our culture say about these ideas?
4. Why are these four truths (mentioned in question three) so important for parents to know?
5. Read Matthew 10:28. What do most people in our culture believe about hell? What does the Bible teach about hell?

6. The doctrine of hell is scary. Should parents be talking to their children about such a scary subject?
7. Studies show that the vast majority of Christians accept Christ before the age of 21. What does this mean for parents?
8. Read Jude 1:23. In light of the four most important things for parents to know, your most urgent and important task as a parent is to snatch your children from the fire. Why is this a parent's most urgent task?
9. To be an effective parent, you must be a "home missionary." You must embrace the role of a missionary, and view your home as your primary mission field. Do you see yourself as a missionary to your children? Explain.
10. To be an effective home missionary, you must know the gospel. Do you think that you have a firm grasp on the gospel message so that you can effectively preach it to your children?
11. To be an effective home missionary, you must regularly preach the gospel to your children. Do you preach the gospel to your children enough? Explain.
12. A third way to be an effective "home missionary" is to look for the gospel in your children – look for the evidence that your child has truly embraced the gospel. What are some of the signs that your child is truly saved? (See Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 2:3.)

The Last Word: If you think it is important to teach your kids about the dangers of playing in the street, then surely it is important to teach them about the dangers of hell.