

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCIPLING YOUR KIDS
Raising Champions for Christ — Week 3

ICEBREAKER: What are your favorite hobbies?

OVERVIEW: Imagine if sixty-one percent of high graduates did not know how to read. The president would declare a state of emergency and Congress would pass a new trillion-dollar education bill. The reality is much worse. Studies show that sixty-one percent of children who are raised in the church are spiritually disengaged in college. Christians are losing more than sixty percent of their children to the world. It's time to reclaim the family for God. It's time for parents to step up and embrace their God-given calling of raising their kids to follow Jesus. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to disciple your kids at home.

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. Read Ephesians 6:4. What is God's command to parents in this verse?
3. What does it mean to "stir up anger in your children," and why is this important for Christian parents? What are some ways that parents "stir up anger" in their children?
4. What does it mean to bring your children up in the "training/discipline" of the Lord?
5. What does it mean to bring your children up in the "instruction" of the Lord?

6. Why is Ephesians 6:4 directed at "Fathers" and not mothers?
7. Read Matthew 28:19-20. What is meant by the term discipleship?
8. To disciple your kids you must focus on the three goals of discipleship: To raise kids who are worshiping Christ, walking with Christ, and working for Christ. The first goal – worshiping Christ – is to train your children to make church participation a priority. Why is this important? What can parents do to train their children to make church participation a priority?
9. The second goal of home discipleship – walking with Christ – is to train your kids to have an intimate, passionate relationship with Jesus Christ. What does this kind of relationship look like? How can parents help their children to develop this kind of walk with God?
10. The third goal of home discipleship – working for Christ – is to train your kids to live for the salvation of men; to devote their lives to God's service. How can parents train their kids to do this?
11. To disciple your kids you must know the three legs of home discipleship: Set an example, bring them to church, and teach them at home. A) Which of these three do think is the most important? Explain. B) Which of these three are you the strongest at? Explain. C) Which of these three are you the weakest at? Explain.

The Last Word: You can overdo it with your child's athletics, and academics, and with their other pursuits, but you can't overdo discipleship.