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20 Sep 26 | Build a Godly Home | Ephesians 6:1-4 | Bevan Smith

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation starter: What is one thing your parents did when you were growing up that you now appreciate more than you did at the time?
2. Read Ephesians 6:1–4. Paul quotes the fifth commandment and highlights its promise: “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth” (vv.2–3; cf. Deut. 5:16). What did this promise mean for Israel under the Mosaic covenant? Since Christians are not under that covenant, how should we understand Paul applying it to the church?
3. What is the difference between obedience and honour, and how might the way we honour parents change as we move through different stages of life?
4. Verse 4 warns fathers not to “exasperate” or provoke their children. What kinds of parenting can produce resentment, discouragement or anger in children? How can parents exercise genuine authority without becoming controlling, harsh, inconsistent or impossible to please?
5. Paul says children are to be brought up in the “training and instruction of the Lord.” What do you think this looks like in practice? How can Christian parents avoid both extremes of outsourcing all spiritual formation to the church and turning the home into a constant Bible lesson?
6. For everyone, whether or not you have children: What role should the wider church family play in helping children and young people grow into mature followers of Jesus? What opportunities do those without children of their own have to encourage, model, teach and invest in the next generation?
7. Thinking personally and as a church, where do we most need to grow in the way we form the next generation? Parents: what is one change you could make in your home? Others: what is one practical way you could support parents, children or young people in our church?