

Sermon Discussion Guide




Parenting: Getting Them Home

Deuteronomy 6:1-15; Romans 12:2
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January is
greet month!
Who did you
greet this
week?

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scriptures listed above. What stood out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 In your own words, what is the aim/objective or parenting?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

GETTING THEM HOME: TEACH THE CHILDREN THE TRUTH

- 3 How have you taught your children or grandchildren that there is a God, and He created them and the world?
- 4 Discuss the following quotes: "Truth is not a social construct. All truth springs from God. Christianity is total truth concerning all of reality."
- 5 Why do you think children sometimes reject the faith of their childhood?

- 6 Ray said that parenting is about giving kids a truth grid through which they can deconstruct and analyze everything. Is this a new concept to you? Can you think of some examples of what this might look like?

GETTING THEM HOME: PREPARE CHILDREN FOR MISSION

- 7 What do most parents and institutions prepare children to do with their lives? In your own words, what should Christian parents put before children as their life mission?
- 8 What is the problem with boys in our current culture? How might we need to change the way we are parenting boys?

GETTING THEM HOME: DISCIPLE IN COMMUNITY

- 9 In your own words, what are the benefits of raising your kids in church? What are the downsides of trying to do it alone?
- 10 Ray took time in his sermon to address teachers directly. What did he say? If you are a teacher, what did you think?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?