Sunday AM Sermon - September 25, 2022

"Teach Us How to Raise this Child"

Psalm 127 • Judges 13

When you purchase a device, an appliance, or a piece of equipment, are you one who reads the user's guide or do you just right in and learn it as you go? Sometimes that works out well, sometimes it doesn't. What about when kids come home from the hospital for the first time. Most parents I know wish an Owner's Manual had been sent home with them.

Children are a blessing from the Lord. So, let's look to Him for guidance on how to raise them.



Mark the number of times you hear these words:

- Parents -
- Children -
- Teach(ing) -

If you had a chance to ask God, "How do I raise this child," what do you think He would tell you?

- P_____
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Manual

Faith Talk, Faith Walk

Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon

Faith Talk: What helps you Know God, Love God, and Glorify God as a family?

Faith Walk: Come up with an intentional plan to constantly ask and learn from God to be the parent/grandparent your kids need.

If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless you!

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Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Discussion Starter Questions September 25, 2022

1. God's instructions in Deuteronomy 6 to parents leading and training up their children begin with the words of the *Shema*:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Why must this profession of faith provide the beginning point for families?

- 2. Why such a strong emphasis on teaching the commandments of God to children? What should this teaching include?
- 3. What teaching methods does Moses suggest to teach children how to love God with their lives? What does this look like in your home?
- 4. When God gave instructions to Manoah for raising Samson, He started with what Manoah and his wife needed to do before Samson was even born. What does this tell you about successful parenting and grandparenting?
- 5. What do you do to prepare yourself as a parent or grandparent to raise your children well?
- 6. In what ways should our parenting and grandparenting be shaped by our vision to "Disciple: Know God, Love God, Glorify God"?