

# PARENTING ON PURPOSE

SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

## Session 7: Jesus the Teenager

### Big Idea

Preparing your child for adulthood and helping them discover their God-given potential is your job as a parent. The statistics of parents intentionally talking regularly with their school-aged children and teenagers are hazardously marginal. Looking at the young life of Jesus, we will see the important areas of development and growth. You will realize the significance of advancing your children intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually.

### Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Chris teaches in this session that our job in parenting is to prepare our children to be adults and help them reach their God-given potential. Who had a significant impact in helping you become the adult you are today? Share an example of how they influenced your life.
2. All of us struggle with busy schedules and the demands of life. When and where is the best time for you to have meaningful connections with your child?
3. Share ideas and experiences that can help all of us create those intentional moments with our children.
4. We all desire our homes to be life-giving and filled with faith. How can we bring God into our everyday situations? What worldly influences do we need to guard ourselves and children from?

### Next Steps

Showing your children the meaning of guarding their minds, shaping their character, developing their personality, and molding their purpose will set them up for an equipped adult life. Even more wonderful than that, it will lead them into a lifestyle of keeping God at the center of their every day and seeking Him for answers and needs. Your child will discover that it is God's plan for them to keep growing in all of these areas throughout adulthood. You can be their greatest support by playing a consistent and active part of each stage. God has chosen you to partner with your children for their success.

### Prayer Focus

*"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."*

**Luke 2:52**

### Leader Tip

Identify those in your group who have leadership potential. Encourage them to attend Small Group Leadership Training, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at Dream Team 401.