

PARENTING ON PURPOSE

SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Session 1: Right Beginnings

Big Idea

In modern culture, we are often trained into thinking we can get things done easier and quicker if we just find the right tool or technique. However, in parenting, there are no quick fixes. Parenting takes more time, more attention, and more love. Our children do not need more things or more money; they need quality time and a solid example from you. We are going to begin by looking at three types of parenting philosophies—only one will lead to lasting success. We will learn to build our households by using a Biblical parenting philosophy while elevating the good that we see in our children.

Discussion Questions

1. All of us have experienced different parenting philosophies. Which one did your parents use and how does it influence your parenting style today?
2. Do you find that you alternate between parenting styles? If so, what sort of impact do you notice it having on your children?
3. Pastor Chris shared that in Biblical parenting the goal is to train the heart and not just the outward behavior. What are some ways you can look beyond your child's actions and see the motivation in their heart?
4. Kids respond to what parents do. What changes do you need to make that would have the biggest impact on your family?

Next Steps

Asking God for daily guidance in every area of your household, especially in parenting, is vital. Without His leading and protection, our efforts are in vain. There will be challenging days when you feel as though no good is coming from your hard work, but when God is a part of all your decisions and efforts, there is always a reward. Allow God to build your house and you will see change happen, you will see hope grow, and you will see love flourish within your family.

Scripture

“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.” Psalm 127:1