



Northland Christian Church Group Discussion Guide For the Week of April 11, 2021

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- What have you done in the last six months that you're most proud of?
- If you could time-travel back to an earlier time in your life, where would you visit and what would you do?

Engage the Bible - Read **Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Psalm 71:17-18** together.

The Context

Parenting Ain't No Game

Parenting. Every family comes in different forms and the pressure to parent well is huge these days. How do you know if you're doing a good job? How do you raise kids with a dynamic faith? In this series, we'll show you how to shift your focus and expand your capacity as a parent. Let's all work together to **radically invest in the next generation!**

This past Sunday Jonathon shared:

- **If you want to change the world, you start with the home.**
- **Healthy homes produce healthy churches.**
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One of the most significant ways in which health is pursued (or damaged if neglected or misused) is through influence. And we all have influence. As Jonathon shared:

- **You influence when people listen** to what you say, and
- **You influence when people look** at your life.

This is especially true in parenting and investing in kids and students - and never more true than in the two primary influences that God has designed to influence the faith in the life of a child: Parents and the Church. The brilliance of this God-designed plan is, as Jonathon shared, in its possibility & potential:

Two combined influences make a greater impact than just two influences.

Remember, this applies to the whole church - parents, grandparents, foster parents, guardians, future parents, relatives, and village parents. All of us. Partnering in the mission of Jesus in the Church.

Discuss and Apply

1. Describe a time when have you partnered with others to accomplish a task, project, goal, or service opportunity? Fondest memory of this? How different would it have been if you tried to do that alone?
2. Who has had a profound impact on your life? How did this happen?
3. Who have you learned from by simply listening to them?
4. Who have you been influenced by just by watching their lives? What was this like?
5. It's been said that "actions speak louder than words" - how was this true while growing up?
6. What happens to relationships and success at work when words and actions do not match up? At home? With friends?
7. What are some of the greatest blessings of parenting and family? What are some of the greatest challenges in parenting and family?
8. How does the Gospel, forgiveness, and new life influence or inform parenting?
9. Describe your relationship with your parents in one sentence? How has this impacted or influenced your life?
10. What are some of the greatest blessings & advantages of the church partnering with parents in developing faith? How have you benefited from this partnership?
11. If you had the opportunity to leave children or students one life lesson what would it be?

End your group time in prayer.