

Piece by Piece – The Pieces of Parenting

Weekend Discussion Questions

April 30-May 1

Community:

1. Tell the group a story about a time as an adult where you realized how much your parents did for you that you never even realized as a kid.
2. What do you think are some of the most difficult pieces of being a parent?

Core:

1. Scott began the message this week by saying that 1) Children belong to God, 2) Children are God's good gift, and 3) Parents are entrusted with children by God. What does it mean that parents have been "entrusted" with their children?
2. **Read Ephesians 6:4.** What does it mean to provoke your children to anger? What are ways parents could bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord?
3. When you think back to your childhood, did your parents discipline and instruct you? If so, what was effective and what wasn't? If not, what do you wish they would have done for discipline or instruction?
4. **Read 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12.** What does it mean for a parent to exhort their children? What are tangible ways they could do that?
5. **Read Deuteronomy 11:18-21.** What do you need to adjust in your life simply to be able to be the kind of person who can do what God talks about there?

Challenge:

1. Scott closed up the message by talking about how God is our Father—how have you experienced God fathering you throughout your life?