



## Parenting

### OPENING

What words come to mind when you think of being a parent? What people are involved in the parenting process outside of the traditional family?

### READ PROVERBS 22:6

- What is the role of the parent?
- What is the “right path?”
- Is this Proverb a guarantee for our children?

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-18, ROMANS 12:4-5 AND PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

- Many of us have tried to parent on our own. What are some of the challenges in our culture of parenting on your own?
- If you are a parent, what hope do these truths give you?
- For those who are not parents, what truths can we apply for all relationships?
- What responsibility do we have to help one another parent in the body of Christ?

### READ 1 JOHN 3:1, 4:10, COLOSSIANS 3:14 AND PSALM 103:13

- What do we learn from the Father’s example for raising our children?

- How does growing as a child of God help us to parent our children or help care for others’ children?

### MAKING IT REAL:

- If you are a parent, name the biggest challenge you currently face. What kind of help do you need?
- In what ways can this group (your micro church) help parent each other’s children?

*“Parents are called to move their children toward Jesus and His calling on their lives, and in order to do this, we need help.”*  
Amy Christie

- In what ways can Grace (your macro church) help parent each other’s children?

### PRAYER

Use your discussion to guide your prayers.

### GRACE RESOURCES

- Parenting Workshop: Nov. 18 (146<sup>th</sup>) and 19<sup>th</sup> (Fishers) and The Way of Discipleship for Young Families
- Find out more and register at [gracechurch.us/blessthismess](http://gracechurch.us/blessthismess)