



Family: Children Are Great

February 10th, 2019

Follow up from last week: We started our series on Family: God's Plan for Flourishing. We were encouraged to recover a Biblical vision for marriage and family.

Sermon Points for this week:

Children are a Good Gift from God

Parenting Is Leadership

If You Love Your Children, You Will Discipline Them

Connect

1. What was memorable about Part 2 of the sermon series on Family?
2. Think about the culture we live in. How do they generally regard children?

Engage

1. Read Psalm 127:3-5; 2 John 1:4
 - What is a "heritage" and how does this language give unique value to children?
 - Why is it crucial to understand that your children exist for God and not you?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 2 Timothy 3:14-15
 - How does Scripture warn against passive parenting?
 - What is our main source and guide for leading/influencing our children?
3. Read Hebrews 12:6, 11; Proverbs 23:12-16
 - What is the difference between discipline and punishment?
 - Why does the Bible associate discipline with love?

Apply

1. Why is it so important to model following Jesus for your children?
2. What are some things that compete for the place parenting should have in our hearts?
3. What do you hope your children say about you and your parenting in 10 years?
4. For those who do not have children of your own at home, what can you do to promote a healthy view of children in the church?

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Pray

Take some time to pray individually to God that you would view children and parenting as a good gift from Him. Have the group leader close the prayer time by asking God for help as we learn to teach our children the truth and discipline them in love.

Serving Opportunity

Join a Serve Team! We believe that we grow more when we serve. There are many opportunities available in areas like Village Kids, Parking, Ushering, and Welcoming. Sign up at

<https://villagechurchva.com/connect/serve/>

Personal Spiritual Practice Idea/Experiment

In preparation for next week's worship service, think about how our culture views children. Do your views of children look more like the culture's view or more like God's view? Are children a nuisance to you or a gift from God? Consider whether you need to repent of wrong views of children and how you can embrace God's vision.

Going On @ Village

Village Students Pancake Breakfast – February 23rd

Village Students is hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 23rd, at Village Church, from 7:00am - 10:00am. All proceeds will go to advancing the mission of Jesus in the lives of the students of Chesterfield County by sending them to Camp. Please purchase tickets ahead of time to help us plan. You can buy tickets after any service from Village Students leaders or students. (Visit the Connect Booth if you need help finding a student). Adult tickets are 10 dollars, children tickets (3-10 years old) are 5 dollars, and children below three years old are free. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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