

SESSION 1: Modeling

Prayer, Welcome and Ice Breaker Question: 20 minutes

Introduce yourself and talk about why you are doing this study and what you hope to get out of it

Session #1 Teaching: Are YOU Ready to Be a Great Dad?: 5 minutes

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." And, The words of Paul in **Ephesians 6** remind Christian fathers that our parenting has a great end towards which we must aim. God gave us the task of teaching, correcting, disciplining, loving, and training our children so that they come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and walk in a way which pleases Him.

So, let me ask you, how are YOU bringing your kids up in the training and instruction of the Lord? We started this VERY important study by talking together about what YOU want to get out of this program and today, we are going to hit the ground running by making some goals and commitments to your group!

We need to answer another tough question as we get started...**ARE YOU A GOOD ROLE-MODEL?**

1 Corinthians 11:1 says modeling means to give shape and form to something or someone. To be a beautiful pattern, you have to pattern your life after Jesus Christ. In patterning for your children, Love is a must in a Christian home. It is non-negotiable. It neutralizes the work of the devil. It cannot be compromised.

We need to ask ourselves this question; Do I want my children to be like me? According to statisticbrain.com, 26% of kids between ages 8-11, say they don't want to be like their parents. 74% are saying they **want to be like parents**. 73% of teenagers says their relationship with their parents makes them the most happy. **The BOTTOM line is that parents, especially Dad's, are the greatest influence on their children.**

So, I know I gave you more questions than teaching to kick this study off, but as Dads, we have a HUGE role to play in the spiritual formation of our family and I want you to make a strong commitment to be what God is calling you to be! Our kids future in eternity depend on it!

So, take today and talk about what needs to change in your life to be a GREAT role-model for your kids and then invite the Holy Spirit into this study by finishing your session today by praying as a group.

Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes

Talk about **Ephesians 6:4**

- How are YOU bringing your kids up in the training and instruction of the Lord?
- Do I want my children to be like me?
- Talk about what needs to change in your life to be a GREAT role-model for your kids.
- Talk about and make some goals and commitments for yourself to your group!
- Pray as a group and ask the Holy Spirit to make your goals a reality.

Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes

•What were the biggest take-aways and personal commitment from your small group time?

Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes

Focus on the ***LIFE Journaling Method*** and it will give you more insight to be a great dad!

•***Pray about your commitment to this study and rethink what you want to get out of it.***

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Re-Read Proverbs 22

Journal about how YOU want to do a better job starting your children off on the right path.

L=Listen in your journal by writing the date and the Scripture you're studying. After you've read the passage a few times, focus on a verse or two that stands out to you and then write out those verses in your journal.

I = Investigate the context around today's Scripture reading. To whom was this written? Why? How does this passage fit with what comes before and after it? What is the Holy Spirit communicating through this text? Feel free to use Bible study tools for commentary: [Bible Study Tools](#), or [Easy English Bible](#).

F=Focus to the text to make it applicable for your own life. What is God saying to you personally through this passage? How can you apply what you've read?

E = Engage God. This can either be a short prayer or an action that you can take that day after reading the text. Is there a command to follow in the text? How are you different because of what you've learned?

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WK. 1 DEVO 2

Re-Read Psalm 127

Are YOU letting the Lord "Build YOUR House?"

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WK. 1 DEVO 3

Re-Read Titus 2:1-15

How are YOU teaching your kids? Are you teaching sound doctrine? Do YOU know sound doctrine?

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Re-Read Proverbs 3:1-12

Start with trusting in the Lord with ALL YOUR heart, so you can teach your children to do the same. Journal about your level of trust and how you teach that to your children.

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