

Growth Group Homework – May 6, 2018

How to Raise Kids in an R-Rated Culture

Warm-Up

1. What was something you learned the hard way as a kid?
2. What are some boundaries your parents gave you growing up?

Talk it Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling?
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7. Can you think of a time you have seen or experienced this passage in action?
 - Parents have the primary responsibility of teaching their kids about God's ways. The primary support is provided by those of us who make up the church. How have you seen the church be the primary support to parents?
5. A significant role of a parent is to help shape the heart of their child. How do the following passages show God's focus on the heart?

Proverbs 4:23

Deuteronomy 10:12

Jeremiah 17:10

Luke 12:34

- Ethan identified three shifts that will help open a person to God's ways: from balancing to blending, from monologue to dialogue, and from intellectual to experiential. In what ways do you think these shifts could help address what is going on inside the heart?
- Has there been a time in your life when one of these impacted what was important to you?
- 6. As someone trying to help others (your kids, friends, family who do not know Jesus) grow, what in the following passages encourages you?

Ephesians 3:20

2 Peter 1:3-4

Take it Home

7. As a parent, what is something you have learned from the message and discussion that you could put into practice?
8. What is one thing you could do this week to support another family? If no specific family came to mind, pray for God to reveal opportunities to you.