

Home Field Advantage:
God's Strategic Plan for Building Generational Faith
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Three decisions parents can make to strengthen the home field advantage

- Pursue Integrity (vv. 4-6)

- Embrace Responsibility (v. 7a)

- Engage Relationally (vv. 7-9)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What principles from the message relate not just to parenting but to other areas of life and discipleship in general?
3. What are some ways you (or parents you know) might feel discouraged, fearful, or intimidated by the world today as you think about raising your children?
4. In your own words, describe the difference between seeking to be faithful and seeking to control outcomes. Why is this distinction so important, especially in parenting?
5. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. What do you observe in general about God's plan for His people?
6. Read Deut 6:6. Why is this verse so important? What might happen if we sought to parent our kids without obeying God's word ourselves?
7. Read Deut 6:7-9. What are some ways in which we can help our children and grandchildren to learn the word of God in the context of real life? What does this look like practically?
8. How might you encourage a parent who feels they are not qualified to lead their children spiritually or to teach their children God's word?
9. Read Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21. What does God warn parents about in these verses? What are some ways we might exasperate or embitter our children if we are not careful?
10. Were you brought up "in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4)? What was that experience like for you?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Read Psalm 127 & 128, Ephesians 6:1-4, Col. 3:21, Heb. 12:4-11

Good resources on parenting:

- www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/parenting/
- cpyu.org/
- www.seedsfamilyworship.com/
- www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/

Listen to "Lead Me" – <https://bit.ly/leadme>

Listen to "The Blessing" – https://bit.ly/theblessing_song

Read *The Dad Difference* by Bryan Loritts,

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp,

Raising Kingdom Kids by Tony Evans,

Give Them Grace by Elyse Fitzpatrick

