

Parenting - Ephesians 6:1-4

8 & 9 February - Ron Aulbach

Our Imperfect Family

LIFE

Building life giving relationships

Catch up - Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with each member of the group and sharing prayer requests.

Your story - Who is someone you admire for their parenting?

GOD

Growing more like Jesus together

INTRO QUESTION:

- What should be a parent's priority?

READ: Ephesians 6:1-4

- What do these verses say about our relationship with our parents?
- What do you notice for parents' responsibility with their kids? (**Pastor Ron commented that the "fathers" part can be applied to parents in general)

REFLECT:

- What does it mean to provoke or exasperate children? Can you think of a time this happened to you?
- What can we do to catch ourselves in the middle of an emotional response to our children or our parents?

READ: Ephesians 6:4 again

- Thinking about the “homelander” generation, the generation under 21, what are they struggling with?
- What does it mean to bring them up, to train them and instruct them in the Lord?

TIPS:

- Pastor Ron gives us three ideas for parenting.
 - You’re raising a future adult
 - How can we give our kids chances to take risks and fail so they can learn and grow?
 - Be a thermostat not a thermometer
 - If you are red hot for Jesus, how do we set the temperature for our kids instead of just watching it?
 - Remember they belong to the Lord
 - What impact does this statement have on how you raise “your” kids?
- What is one step you can take this week?

PRAY: Take time to pray for each other's families today.

OTHERS

Loving God and loving others

OTHERS: Is there a way that we can as a group care for our kids together, and the kids of our community? Does that mean helping in J’Seekers, BSM or the Daddy/Daughter Dance? Does it mean being a mentor of a hurting kid?