

Small Group Questions

Sermon Based Small Groups – May 8, 2011

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

Sermon Title: Discipling the Next Generation

Pray: Each week, we want to take time to lift up one another's prayer concerns. True Christians pray for one another. Take some time at the beginning of your small group time to pray for each other. Be real with each other. If you are hurting, take the risk and share how you are feeling with the group. If you have something that God has blessed you with this week, share it. Give Him the glory for what He is doing in your life. Record the prayer requests in the "Notes" section on the right of this page, and make a commitment to pray for the needs of the people in your group throughout the week.

Ice Breaker: Pastor Brian spoke about the great responsibility that Christians have to disciple future generations in his sermon this week. Who are the people in your life that have contributed the most to your spiritual growth?

Read: Psalm 78:1-8.

Discuss: What do these verses teach us about the importance of discipling future generations?

What are some effective ways that we can be involved in discipling children or those young in the faith?

In the *Pilgrimage* module of our *Lifeflow Training* with Woodbury Community Church, we talk about how to disciple others. One of the best ways to start a one-to-one discipleship relationship with another person is to write down five things that you wish someone had taught you when you became a Christian. Take a moment to write down five things that you think it would be important for emerging generations to know about the Christian faith.

Five Important Things That Emerging Generations Should Know

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Discuss: Pastor Brian did something unusual in his sermon this week. He shared a personal testimony about the impact that his parents made on his spiritual development by sharing 24 things that his parents did right.

What are some things that your parents or your spiritual mentors did right when it comes to your spiritual development?

Read: Read the following passages of Scripture that deal with parenting and share with the group what the passage has to say to parents.

Verse	Lesson for Parents
Deuteronomy 4:9-10	
Deuteronomy 6:6-9	
Proverbs 19:18	
Proverbs 22:6	
Ephesians 6:4	
Colossians 3:31	

Review: Below is the list that Pastor Brian shared with us this week. Which of these things resonated with you? Which of these items are things that you need to work on more in your life?

What My Parents Did Right

1. They were the same people at home as they were in front of other people.
2. They lived what they believed.
3. They loved each other and showed affection every day.
4. They went on dates.
5. They spent time with God.
6. They communicated and demonstrated their love to us every day.
7. They prayed with us and for us every day.
8. They listened before they spoke.

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9. They set boundaries and stuck to them.
10. They stayed up until we came home.
11. They took each of their children on a date at least once a year.
12. They knew our friends and invited their families over to our home.
13. They made our home the place to be on Friday and Saturday nights.
14. They didn't sweat the small stuff.
15. They didn't show favoritism.
16. They made sure we had at least one vacation a year.
17. They loved their parents.
18. They didn't fight in front of us.
19. They didn't embarrass us.
20. They didn't expect us to be perfect.
21. They made sure that our family was involved at a church that ministered to their children.
22. They always made time to bring us to church events.
23. They attended our games, plays, events, etc.
24. They invited missionaries, pastors, teachers, and Christian role models into our home.

Pray: As you pray, ask God to give you a burden for discipling the next generation. If you aren't discipling someone, ask for God to bring someone in your life that you can disciple. If you have children, ask God to help you disciple them – even if they are not yet followers of Jesus. Pray that God would use your life to draw them to Christ.