



INTRODUCTION

Part 5 - Parenthood

There are a lot of opinions these days about marriage, family and singleness—opinions that are often contradictory and unhelpful.

In this series, *Family Matters*, we will be looking at various Bible passages to help us understand God's design and plan for some of the most significant relationships we will ever have.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think of kids, like the girl we saw in the videos, who are the ones that come to mind for you?
2. What was your reaction to the stat that was shared? [Nearly 6 out of every 10 young Christians disconnect from their churches after the age of 15.]
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-18, in vs 10-18. What was Moses concerned about happening to the next Generation?
4. What type of faith if any did your parents pass on to you?
5. What role do you think the church should play in partnering with parents?
6. Who were some of the people that invested in you, when you were young in your faith?
7. How do you feel like God is calling you to pass faith on to the next generation?

APPLICATION

As parents, we always want the best for our children. We want them to grow up having good morals, values, and beliefs. But how do we ensure those things?

It may seem like investing time into your child's education, hobbies, activities, lessons, and so much more leaves little time to focus on other valuable and beneficial things, such as faith. Taking time to shape a child's impressions and thoughts about their faith, and why it's important, should be a priority.

Children are exceptionally impressionable, and tend to follow the examples set by their parents and other adults in their lives. Observing and hearing that faith makes a difference, and watching their own parents use faith, encourages children to follow suit.

Parents are the single greatest influence in a child's life. Share your experiences with faith, and show them it matters. Attend church together, and talk about what each of you learned. Make your faith known to your children, and help them acknowledge why it's important. If you want faith to be a part of your child's life, then demonstrate how it's a part of yours.

KEY VERSES

Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 10-18
Ephesians 6:4