



Community Group Discussion Guide

June 21, 2015

Week 3 | Intentional Parenting
Selected Scripture Proverbs

Introduction

The thing I love about the book of Proverbs is how it takes key truths for everyday life and puts them on the bottom shelf where we can all reach them. It's a series of short statements that speak in a practical way to actions we will need to take to live a successful life.

A modern day word for these statements is Life Hacks. Life Hacks are simple ways of doing things that when done, add value to our lives. The book of Proverbs is full of Life Hacks. 631 total to be exact. And none of them are about anything little. Each one is a brilliant insight on how to live the most productive life possible.

Questions for Study

1. If you're a parent, take some time to reflect on some of your earliest experiences. What were some of your funniest moments and challenging times?
2. Is there anything you'd do different if you had a do over?
3. Are there things about parenting you experienced with your own parents that have benefited you as a parent?
4. If your son or daughter were given an assignment in school where they were asked to write about you as their parent, what do you think they'd write?
5. What do you think is most important for any parent to succeed in preparing their children for a successful life?
6. What does it mean to be intentional in any area of life?
7. Define what it means to be a person of integrity?

Sunday's sermon gives us the third Life Hack in this series. Be Intentional. It gives us three of the most powerful and practical ways to be intentional in our parenting. The following questions focus on these three ways. Read verses listed with each of these ways.

Living With Integrity - Proverbs 20:7

8. Why do you bless your children if you live with integrity? Who has modeled this for you the most?

Loving Discipline - Proverbs 13:27

9. Why are love and discipline equals in how we parent our children? How well do you think you're doing with each? What questions do you have about creating and maintaining the right balance of love and discipline?

Equipping For Life - Proverbs 22:6

10. How are you making "teaching your children the right path" a consistent part of their lives? What challenges are you facing with doing this?