



Lenses: Under Your Nose | February 28, 2018

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Kids are an absolute gift, right? Except for when [insert whatever crazy story happened in the last three minutes].

Key Verse

1 Peter 5:2-3 (NLT)

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.

Discussion

Children are an amazing gift—and an amazing responsibility. Kids are a fresh set of clay waiting to be molded. The onus is upon us to set them in the right direction.

1. What was something that you did as a kid that you probably shouldn't have?
2. What is something that you have seen a child (be it yours or not) do that they probably shouldn't have?

Being a parent and being a leader is not that different. They both share some inherent qualities and responsibilities. Some key shared concepts are 1. Vision 2. Encouragement 3. Coaching 4. Humility. These 4 key concepts apply to our families, kids, and careers are very similar.

3. What are some other ways that parenting and leadership overlap?
4. How do you see these 4 concepts playing out in your life, career family, and with your kids?

The Bible suggests that spiritual leaders tend their flock. In 1 Peter 5:2-3 you can see how this can apply directly to parenting. Parents have been entrusted with the gift and task of rearing children in a way that brings them closer to God. God calls us to put on a lens that has a vision for our children's future, a lens allows us to encourage them, a lens that gives us the strength and ability to coach them through tough times, and a lens of humility that allows us to learn from them.

5. What are some ways you better coach the children in your life? How does this reflect God?
6. How can you better learn from the children in your life? How can your kids help you grow your faith?

What's Next?

The reality is that parenting and leadership takes work. This week, examine the 4 areas of leadership in your life. Evaluate how you are doing in each area and adjust where you see the need. How would your faith and the faith journey of your family change if you spend time leading in these 4 areas? Take specific action to get better in each of the 4 areas for yourself, your family, and your kids.