



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Gift of Family

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“Live the Gift” Series: Week 6

Lean In

- As you were growing up, what were the main “House Rules?”
- Think of a time when you did NOT follow the rules. What happened? What was your parents’ response?
- If you have children, how similar or different are/were the house rules than the ones you grew up with?

When it comes to these Seven Deadly Parenting Styles, which one(s) are you most tempted to fall into?

- Helicopter Parenting- Hovering over our kids and swooping in to rescue them.
- Band Aid Parenting- Relying on quick fixes and gimmicks instead of dealing with real pain and issues.
- Hot House Parenting- Rushing our kids to academic or musical or athletic excellence. It’s the hurried child syndrome.
- Buddy Parenting- Wanting our kids to LIKE us, instead of obey us.
- Accessory Parenting- Measuring YOUR worth by your child’s success.
- Paranoid Parenting- Obsessively protecting children from any physical or psychological harm.
- Secondary Parenting- Letting culture and outside influences shape your child’s values and character.

Look Around

- When it comes to other parents you know well, which of those Seven Deadly Parenting Styles, are they most likely to fall into?

Look Down

Eph 6: ¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”⁴ Fathers—do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

- What sticks out in these verses for you?
- What are you noticing with this reading that you never noticed before?

Look In

The Big Idea this week is: When honor flows upward to the preceding generation and nurture flows downward to the next generation, then EVERY generation is able to reach its full potential in Christ.

- If your parents are alive, how might you honor them this week?
- How might you nurture a child you have a relationship with this week?

Look Beyond

- Who might God be asking you to pray for or encourage this week?