



This month, we're dedicating our time to exploring biblical love. On Sunday, we talked about the role of love in parenting—a calling that requires patience, guidance, and grace. In Ephesians 6:1-4, Paul teaches that parenting involves both instruction and nurture, balancing discipline with encouragement. Just as God lovingly leads us, parents are called to lead their children with wisdom, consistency, and a heart that reflects Christ's love. Parenting can look different for everyone. Our church includes people in various stages of life: parents, grandparents, future parents, and those who support families. As you discuss, please be mindful and sensitive to each person's experiences.

1. What is one moment from your childhood when you felt deeply loved by a parent or guardian? What specifically made you feel loved? How can we apply those principles in our own parenting or relationships?
2. Read Ephesians 6:1-3. Paul connects obedience to parents with enjoying a long life. Thinking about your relationship with your parents, how have you seen obedience to their instruction lead to blessings in your life?
3. The New Testament offers us a variety of examples of parenting. Read Matthew 3:16-17. At the baptism of Jesus, we see a powerful moment of affirmation. Talk about the power of encouraging our children.
4. Read Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21. Paul warns fathers not to exasperate their children. What are some ways that parents (or authority figures) can unintentionally discourage or embitter children?
5. In the sermon, we learned about three ways to ruin a child: being overbearing, being permissive, or being inconsistent. How does your parenting impact your children? Have you modeled a consistent parenting style?
6. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Moses instructed God's people to impress these commandments on their children. What are some ways we can enter into spiritual conversations this week? What is one thing you want to focus on?
7. In Matthew 17:14-20, we learned about a father who was willing to do anything for his son and was desperate for life change. What is one way you can bring your children to the feet of Jesus this week to be in His presence?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.