

# **GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE | JANUARY 21, 2018**

## **THE FLOURISHING CHILDREN**

### **SERMON THEME**

Children flourish when they are faithfully cultivated.

### **WATCH THE SERMON DISCUSSION VIDEO**

### **DISCUSS THE SERMON**

In the sermon we heard that when parents fear the Lord, their children flourish. What does it mean to you to fear the Lord?

In the sermon Pastor Adam talked about *how* we can grow in the fear of the Lord.

- How have you experienced growth in the fear of the Lord in your own life? Share your experience with the group.
- Can you employ any of these strategies for growth in your life now?
- How can the group keep each other accountable as each person seeks to grow in this area?

As much as we would like for it to work out this way, Christian parenting is not as simple as a math equation. God-fearing parenting does not always equal God-fearing children. This is the reality of a sinful world. Don't shy away from this topic in your group.

- If anyone has experienced this in their own lives, how have you grappled with it?
- What does scripture tell us about raising our children and planting the seeds of the gospel? Who do our kid's really belong to? Who causes our kids to grow in the faith? (Hint: If you're coming up dry, take a look at 1 Cor. 3:7)

The sermon brought up the importance of rituals and rhythms for sowing the seeds of faith in our children.

- What are your family rituals?
- What are you doing to create holy hearts in your kids?
- What sort of rhythms for sowing the seeds of faith do you do on a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis?

At the end of your time together, if there are kids or grandkids at your gathering, try gathering all the children together and praying over them. Pray that God would bless them, that they would grow in health, wisdom, and faith. Pray that God would causes the seeds of faith in their hearts to grow. Finally, pray that God would equip the adults in your group to continue in God-fearing faithfulness.