

The Family That Flourishes

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

When it comes to the next generation, we must prepare our children for the path, not the path for our children. As parents wanting our children to be safe, we sometimes avoid letting them take risks. But just like how a butterfly cannot fully develop when forced out of its cocoon, our children cannot have the proper tools for life's difficulties if they do not go through "growing up". Someday, they will face risks that will help them develop into mature men and women and will need to work hard for what they want that they may grow into good adults taking on many roles.

How can we prepare our children for the path?

Four Junctions to Invest in Your Kids (Deuteronomy 6:7)

We can maximize these junctions in our daily parenting:

1. **"When you sit down"**: use mealtimes to teach, process their experiences with them
2. **"When you walk"**: use travel time for conversations
3. **"When you lie down"**: you can play the role of counselor to your kids during bedtime
4. **"When you get up"**: you can send them out with encouraging words to face the day

Train Up Your Child (Proverbs 22:6)

We can help our children mature into adults as they live in an EPIC (Experiential, Participatory, Image-rich, Connected) generation. Here are some ways to do that:

1. **Do something "scary" with them.** Allow your children to do something out of their comfort zone to help them grow and depend on God. Process the experience with them.
2. **Give them opportunities to interact with someone significant.** As they converse with an influential person in society, they learn and gain confidence.
3. **Travel someplace new and different as a family.** Unfamiliar and uncomfortable experiences increase their awareness, responsibility, and independence. It can be nearby as long as it is different and new.
4. **Guide them to chase a meaningful goal.** Having a target to hit motivates and energizes them to go after it. Give your children a chance to pursue their goals.
5. **Let them work and wait for something they want.** When children learn to work and wait for what they want, they become more grateful when they finally get it.

Our Choice as Leaders of the Next Generation

If we treat our children as fragile, they will become fragile adults. But if we communicate that they are worthy of high standards, they will rise to the occasion.

If we lead them well, they will...	If we don't lead them well, they will...
Be problem solvers	Be part of the problem
Embrace a service mindset	Embrace a scarcity mindset
Enjoy PTG (growth mindset)	Be triggered by stress (PTSD)
Emerge with a grit narrative	Emerge with a victim narrative
See a silver lining	See a dark cloud
Be resilient and resourceful	Be reactive and regretful

Shifts We Have to Make to Lead the Next Generation

- **Don't think CONTROL, think CONNECT.** Instead of taking control when things go wrong, connect with them. When we understand where they are coming from, we are able to influence them more.
- **Don't think INFORM, think INTERPRET.** Instead of informing them of what they already learned from available sources (Google, YouTube, etc.), help them "interpret" or make sense of what they learn.
- **Don't think TELL, think ASK.** Jesus often led with questions. As your children grow into teens, shift from telling them to asking them questions like "How did you come to that conclusion?", "What made you do that?", or "Do you think that's the best solution?"
- **Don't think LECTURE, think LAB.** Instead of lecturing them, let young people practice what they have learned. These experiences make them grow more.
- **Don't think MANAGE, think MENTOR.** Surround your teenager with trusted mentors learn from. Let them go through a "rite of passage" where they can transition from being a teenager into a young adult. Your Dgroup family can be mentors to your children!

Is God calling you to be a mentor to a young person today? Just like Issachar in 1 Chronicles 12:32 who understood the times they lived in, we also need to be aware of what's going on in today's society and prepare our children for the path they need to face as we help them develop and mature into Christ-committed followers.

last week's memory verse

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

DEUTERONOMY 6:7

discuss this message

How well do you take advantage of the different junctions in your day (mealtime, travel time, mornings, and bed time)? Do you utilize these times to disciple your kids?

Do you overprotect your kids? How do you plan to help them mature by letting them do something scary or risky?

Today's culture of smart technology affects kids today through instant gratification. Is technology your servant rather than your master? How do you plan to counter this?

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Hope in Jesus, He is forever faithful.

See you at the Welcome Center and
let's discuss about it.

Step Into the Community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

Precious in His Sight: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall (I am Beautiful in Jesus' Eyes)

with Norvic Totañes

October 3, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

Blueprint for Leadership: Building a Faithful Generation of Leaders

October 4, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN

A Married Man's Devotion

October 5, Saturday, 2:00 PM, CCF Center

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NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

In Focus: Service in the Family

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

ZOOM: for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

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to sign up

ONLINE: Bible Lesson Video Premiere

9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

Learn More About Our Faith

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

Be equipped with GLC!

GLC LEVEL 1

Book 1: One by One

ONSITE: September 29, Sunday

10:30 AM, Room 2A

ZOOM: October 2, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

ONSITE: September 29, Sunday

1:30 PM, Room 2A

ZOOM: October 2, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC LEVEL 2

Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups

ONSITE: September 29, Sunday

1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: October 3, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Register & enroll here: linktr.ee/ccfglc

Power-Up: Leadership Training to Empower DGroup Leaders

with Ptr. Ricky Sarthou

September 29, October 6, and October 13
11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

SEPT 29: G/F New Building

OCT 6, OCT 13: 2/F New Building

Register: bit.ly/GLCPowerUp

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here
for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful
life with Him in the present and gain
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for
us to be reconciled to Him: through His
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised to life for
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by His
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of
God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. – John 14:6*

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven of our sins and saved from
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift
of God; not as a result of works, so that no
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus
Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I
am a sinner. I believe that You died on
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please
come into my life and be my Savior and
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal
life. Make me the kind of new person You
want me to be. Thank You for giving me
eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name of
the Son of God, so that you may know that
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*



Services at the CCF Center

Saturday Nights

5:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,
and 3:00 PM

Online Livestream

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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