

STUDY GUIDE: “Parenting”

Discussion Starters

1. When you think of parenting, do you think more as a parent or as someone who has been parented?
2. What do you think is the most important quality of a parent?

Study

This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon “Parenting” at NOCC on 7/1/18. If you weren’t in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on nocc.org or the NOCC app.

3. Read the following passages and note what they say about parenting.

Proverbs 1:8

Proverbs 13:24

Proverbs 22:6

Proverbs 29:15

Luke 6:39-45

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.

--“Hear” (Proverbs 1:8)

--“forsake” (Proverbs 1:8)

--“loves” (Proverbs 13:24)

--“Train” (Proverbs 22:6)

--“fully trained” (Luke 6:40)

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5. Is God commanding the use of a rod and physical discipline (Proverbs 13:24)? Please explain.

6. What New Testament passage comes from these Proverbs? What more do we learn from the New Testament passage about what the Proverb is teaching?

7. Read the footnote to Proverbs 22:6. How does this literal reading change the meaning of this proverb?

8. EXTRA CREDIT: Proverbs 29:15 refers to “reproof”. Look into the New Testament and find a passage showing us on what we base this reproof. (Note how you found this passage.)

9. What do these proverbs tell us about our relationship with God as Father?

Taking It Home

10. From your life experiences, write a proverb about parenting.

11. If you are currently “parenting”, which of these proverbs is most needed in your life right now? If you are not currently “parenting”, how do these proverbs apply to your life? Please explain.