

FROM
ME TO WE

KEYS FOR BUILDING **STRONG FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS**

LESSON 9 // HELP, I'M A PARENT!—PART 2

Big Idea: The Bible is full of wisdom, principles and instructions for parents to raise their children in a way that honors God. At the heart of all this is the importance of healthy, godly relationships between parents and kids. In these relationships, parents lovingly affirm their children and stay engaged with them as they learn and grow—just as our heavenly Father affirms and engages with us as His children (Psalm 139:1-11; Matthew 3:16, 17).

Proverbs 22:6 (TPT) *Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and the values they've learned from you will be with them for life.*

Discussion Questions:

- Reflecting back on your childhood, were there rules (without relationship) that bred rebellion?
- We understand God loves the world as a whole, but let's think about God loving us specifically, intentionally, and individually. What comes to mind as you ponder this truth? Do you believe God delights in you as His child?
- Think about your relationship with God. Do you obey God because of fear of punishment or because you trust Him? Which of these would you prefer for your child(ren)?
- Pastor spoke about 8 things that set an atmosphere of trust. Which of these would you like to grow in and why?
- The second point was "Learn to Affirm". Affirmation focuses more on the "being" than the "doing". What are some practical things that you can do this week to grow in this area?
- Thinking about your children (if you don't have children, think about friends or co-workers) share some attributes you'd like to affirm in them this week.

Prayer Focus:

Pray this week that God would help us be more intentional about developing our relationships (with kids, friends, coworkers, etc.) and investing in others through encouragement. Pray for the person(s) that you are committed to investing in this week.

Leader Tip:

Feel free to share who the person(s) will be that you are going to connect with this week. Kindly encourage others to share as well before you pray as this will help you be more specific in your prayer. Also, this will create good accountability within the group for the next time that you meet.