

Scripture this week:

Proverbs 14:26

¹⁴ In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence,
and his children will have a refuge.

Proverbs 22:6

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Families: From Surviving to Thriving

Proverbs 14:26; 22:6

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1) Parents treasuring Jesus ("*fearing the Lord*") is the foundation.

2) Parents happily taking the responsibility for guiding our kids is the key.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on Proverbs 14:26; 22:6

Getting Started

1. What do you think are the biggest challenges or obstacles to effective parenting in our culture today?
2. Looking back, what lessons about parenting (positive or negative) have you learned from your folks?
3. What opportunities do you think parents have to help shape their kids' faith? What are the limits and liabilities of pressing too hard or not enough?

Digging into the Text

4. Read Proverbs 14:26 and 22:6 and respond to these questions:
 - In your own words, what are the main points of these verses?
 - Looking at 14:26, how is a parent's "*fear of the Lord*" connected to their "*confidence*" and helping their kids have a "*refuge*"?
 - What does the author mean by "*refuge*"? Have you personally experienced what you think is meant by it?
 - In 22:6, how would you define what the author means by "*train up*"? In what ways are parents encouraged to develop their kids' faith and help steer them in the right direction?
 - What is the general truth intended by "*even when he is old he will not depart from it*"? How does training up a child change as kids grow up?

Applying It to My Life

5. How would you describe the way in which you are modeling your faith to your kids (or, if you do not have children, your closest friends and family)? Is there a specific step you could take that you think would help you better encourage their faith in Jesus?
6. How can the group be praying for you as we seek to treasure and trust Jesus and intentionally pass our faith on to the next generation?