

Discussion Questions for Groups

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1. What are some ways we see an emphasis on 'niceness' with Christian parenting?
2. Discuss the three ways parents view their kids. What do you think of these classifications?
3. What are some of the qualities you want to develop in your child? (The rings on *The Target*)
4. Read I Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12 and discuss the contrasts between discipline and discipleship.
5. Read Judges 2:10 and discuss what helps us tell spiritual stories? What gets in the way of telling our kids about the stories of God?

1. The problem with "nice"

2. The diversion of "niceness"

3. External parenting

4. Three ways parents view their kids:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. A parent's job description: _____

"Discipleship is an intimate, personal relationship designed for growth and learning through imitation, dialogue and observation."

Joshua 4:6-7

Judges 2:10

I Thessalonians 2:10-12

DISCIPLINE	vs.	DISCIPLESHIP
Goal: <i>Nice</i> Kids		Goal: Mature influencers
Punitive, corrective		Model and pass on self-control
Controls behavior		Promotes growth and learning
Focus: Child's behavior		Focus: Child's learning & preparation
External		Internal
Personality		Character
Maintain peace in the family		Integrate personal virtues
Child changes behavior		Child <i>and</i> Parent mature

6. Archery Tips for Parents

1. Define your _____
2. Prepare your _____ Psalm 127:3-5
3. Aim and _____ Proverbs 22:6