

LifeGroup Study Sheet
October 13th Parenting Unaware.

This guide is designed to help prepare you for your next group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – was there anything you heard for the very first time? What specifically caught your attention? Was there anything that confused you or challenged you?

Introduction

Pastor Jeff shared the story of “temporarily” losing track of one of his children while at Disney World. Whether you are a parent or not, we can all probably think back to a time where either our parents, or ourselves as parents, have been unaware. Tell of a story where this has happened to you as a parent, or to your parents. What was the reaction after they/you found out you/they were unaware?

Digging IN

Read Luke 2:41-51

1. Jeff listed 4 different measurements of growth that happen in Jesus’s life (v. 40, 52)
 - a. Intellectually
 - b. Physically
 - c. Spiritually
 - d. Socially

Which one of these do you focus on the most for your kids? Which one of these do you focus on the most as a child of God? Why do you think your focus is on some of these over others?

2. Jeff said that there is a different standard that God calls us to. He asked, “is my goal as a parent or a child of God the exact same as someone who doesn’t follow Jesus?”

List some standards that God has for his children.

God's Standard

What are some of the world’s standards that we put on our kids or on ourselves?

World's Standard

3. How have you fallen into this trap as a parent or a child of God? In what specific ways have you allowed God’s Standard to be switched with the World’s Standards in any of these areas?

Intellectually –
Physically –
Spiritually –
Socially –

4. **Read Romans 12:2.** Jeff said this statement, “We have subtly allowed the culture to conform us to the world’s standards that we have compromised God’s standards.”

Discuss this question:

Have I allowed **Culture**, to **Conform** me, to **Compromise** God’s standards?

Taking it Home

Which point from this message or LifeGroup study is most important for you to remember?

How will you apply that point to your life this week?

Praise / Prayer Requests

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