

**LifeGroup Study Sheet***October 20th Parenting Unaware Part 2.*

This guide is designed to give help in preparing for your 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 talked about his family going to watch his son play a football game on a Friday night. He noticed that everyone in the family had a different definition of the “win” for the evening. Some wanted for no injuries, some wanted to hang-out with friends, some just wanted the game to end faster, etc. The point was, every person had a different definition of what the “win” was in the same exact circumstance. Can you think of a time in your life where this has happened to you? Whether in your family, at work, with friends, etc?

**Digging IN**

1. Last week we looked at the different standards we conform to when parenting our children or being children of God. There are the World’s Standards and God’s Standards. Pastor Jeff asked this question: What is the real parenting win for Christ-Followers?

**Read Luke 2:46-50**

- **Identity** Jesus made it clear, He knew who He was. (v.49)
- **Mission** Jesus knew what He had come to do. (v.49)

What do both of these two things mean? Take a minute and define both of these things in your own words.

2. Jesus makes it clear that one of our biggest benefits in our walk with Jesus, or in our parenting, is centered around remembering who God says we are in Christ. It is about our identity. Look up at these passages, write down ways these passages help us in this manner.

- John 1:12
- Romans 6:6

- Galatians 2:20

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

**List two specific ways** you could practically do this with your children or yourself this week.

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3. Parenting and being children of God can become complex, complicated and challenging. However, Jesus reminds us that focus should remain on our mission. For Christians and our kids to know why we are here. Look up at these passages, write down ways these passages help us in this manner.

- Romans 10:13-17

- Matthew 28:18-20

- Exodus 9:16 -

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4. Pastor Jeff ended his message with this chart:

<b>Who You Are</b>	<b>Why You're Here</b>	<b>How You Accomplish It</b>
God's Child	God's Ambassador	Job, Gifting, Skill-Set

It starts with your identity – God's Child. It moves to your mission – God's Ambassador. And it ends with how God has gifted you.

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:20**

**What does an ambassador do? How does this help us understand our mission?**

**Evaluate these statements**, “I am a teacher, who is a Christian” or “I am a stay at home mom, who is a Christian.”

**Taking it Home**

How will you apply these ideas to your heart this week as a Christ-follower?

How will you apply these ideas to your kids this week as a Christ-following parent?

**Praise / Prayer Requests**

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