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"THE FAMILY FENCE"

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FENCES IN OUR PARENTING PROTECT OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Which would be better/why: a machine that instantly builds a bridge across any gap OR instantly makes a road through any obstacle?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- This series is called *Fences*. How is discipline a “fence”?
- Our culture tends to view discipline in two extremes. What are the two ends of the spectrum? Why do you think those extremes exist?
- **Read Ephesians 6:4**. Reviewing the Point, what are the three things that parents are to do, *instead of* provoking their children?
- Whether you have your own children or not, we can all benefit from discipline. Being sensitive, discuss these 6 “tools” for discipline:
 - *Discipline Intentionally* discipline IS love: **Proverbs 13:24**
 - Why is this so important to understand?
 - *Discipline Punitively* discipline should “hurt”: **Hebrews 12:5-11**
 - What does this mean? When does this cross the line into abuse?
 - *Discipline Lovingly* discipline IN love: **Ephesians 4:15**
 - How does love affect the WAY that we discipline? Give examples
 - *Discipline Rationally* never in anger: **James 1:19-20**
 - This is a challenge! What has this looked like in your life?
 - *Discipline Consistently* even if you don’t feel like it: **Prov. 23:13-14**
 - Why is this a struggle? What are the benefits of consistency?
 - *Discipline Restoratively* discipline isn’t the end result: **Gal. 6:1**
 - If discipline is not the goal, what is? How does that happen?
- This is hard stuff, because our culture is pushing us one way...and our own busyness and schedules push us another way...then our personalities and experiences affect how and if we discipline at all!
- How can we pray for & come alongside you in building this “fence”?

The References

Main Passage: Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

[Parents], do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Proverbs 13:24 (NLT)

Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

Hebrews 12:5-11 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

James 1:19-20 (NIV)

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

Proverbs 23:13-14 (NLT)

Don't fail to discipline your children. The rod of punishment won't kill them. Physical discipline may well save them from death.

Galatians 6:1 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.