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We Can Support Parents by Help·ing
...Them Prepare Now for Later

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]
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week (but save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me)?
[Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
We Can Support Parents by Help·ing
...Them Prepare Now for Later
- This Week's Object Lesson:
training wheels on an adult bike
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Ephesians 6:4
Fathers [and mothers], do not provoke your children to anger, but raise them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (NET)

The Reflection (required)

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

- Do you have a story of a magnificent bicycle crash when you were younger? Share it with the group.
- Read and discuss these instructions* for parents about children:
 - *Raise Them in Jesus* – **Ephesians 6:4b; Deut. 6:6-9; Proverbs 22:6**
 - As a group, share at least 8 modern, practical examples for this.
 - *Discipline Them in Love* – **Hebrews 12:7-11; Proverbs 23:13-14**
 - What reasons cause people to tend to shy away from discipline? Why is discipline important?
 - *Encourage Them with Patience* – **Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 6:4a**
 - [Before you answer, keep in mind that next week we're going to look at respecting our parents]: How can parents unintentionally discourage their children? How can they encourage them?
 - *Move Them by Faith* – **Genesis 2:24b; Proverbs 23:22**
 - What are the 2 extremes of this? Why do you think these happen?
- Parenting is hard. Consider these ways that we can help parents. As you do, share a story (real or invented) of how we could do *each*:
 - *Encourage Their Example* – **Proverbs 20:7** How can we do this?
 - *Respect Their Role* – **Matthew 15:3-7** How can we do this?
 - *Tell The Truth* – **Ephesians 4:14-16** How can we do this?
 - *Enter Their Emotions* – **1 Cor. 12:24b-27** How can we do this?
- Parents: which of the above is most important/helpful to you? Why?
- Everyone: which above are you best at doing? Which needs work?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

There are *many* Proverbs about parenting. Read through this sample of *some* of them and consider into which *instructions above they fit.

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| • Proverbs 3:12 | • Proverbs 13:22 | • Proverbs 13:24 |
| • Proverbs 16:31 | • Proverbs 17:6 | • Proverbs 19:18 |
| • Proverbs 23:24 | • Proverbs 29:15 | • Proverbs 29:17 |