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We Can Support Children by Bridg·ing ...Their Relationship to Parents

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 Children by Bridg·ing
...Their Relationship to Parents

- This Week's Object Lesson:

bridges

- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Ephesians 6:1-3
If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." (v. 3, NLT)

The Reflection (required)

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

- Bridges. Have you seen a cool one up close, or had a scary or funny moment on one, or built one for school? Tell us your story.
- As a child of parents (which we ALL are!), we need to honor them:
 - Based on **1 Timothy 4:12**, we need to reflect on our own hearts first. Why does this matter? How can *you* do this?
 - No parent is perfect. *How* can we honor/respect/obey them, even though they're flawed? (see **Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20**)
 - Based on **Proverbs 1:8 & 6:20-23**, how can children respond to the truth of what their parents say? What does this look like?
 - One final way that we can honor our parents is by repaying their work (see **1 Timothy 5:4**). Share some ways that this can happen.
- As a church we need to come alongside children of all ages to help them build bridges to their parents. Consider ways we can do that:
 - Based on **Galatians 6:2** do you find it easy or hard to enter into the mess of other's broken relationships with their kids/parents? Why?
 - Why must *pleasing Jesus* be the foundation for building bridges between children & parents? (see **Colossians 3:20b & Galatians 1:10**)
 - How can we unintentionally dishonor parents (see **Matt. 15:3-7**)? What are ways that we can *actively* encourage honoring parents?
 - Hebrews 12:14-15** says it is our responsibility as the church to help others build bridges in their relationships. Share examples of what this could look like either from your own life or hypothetically.

The Reinforcement (optional)

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

This series has focused on our responsibility as the church to come alongside different family groups. Read *some* other responsibilities:

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| •Romans 12:10 | •John 13:34 | •1 Peter 4:9 |
| •Ephesians 5:21 | •Galatians 5:13 | •1 Thessalonians 5:11 |
| •Hebrews 10:24 | •Colossians 3:13 | •Romans 15:7... |