

### Reclaim Parenting Conference Outline

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##### Why *Reclaim Parenting*?

Parenting has never been easy. Shaping and raising a young life is one of the greatest endeavors a parent will ever do, but it will also be one of the hardest. In our current parenting generation, we see many forsaking the key principles clearly laid out in God's Word. *Reclaim Parenting* is not discovering new truths of how to parent; it is going back to the Word of God and reclaiming the truths of old. One of the greatest pictures of God that we see in the Bible is that of a parent. He not only models it, but He teaches us clearly what it means to be a God-centered, Gospel-focused parents. Parenting takes time, energy, and much prayer. There is no perfect parent today, and our weakness comes out in our parenting maybe more than any other area. In the chaos of parenting, we must have an anchor. We must know what we are doing, where we are going, and what our mission and goal is in our parenting. God's Word is not outdated for today. The principles of parenting from God's Word must be reclaimed today!

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##### **Definition of Biblical Parenting:**

It is **modeling** the relationship that God has with His children while **training** your children in the instructions given in God's Word and **believing** in a God that showers grace in your weaknesses.

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### Session #1 The Model of Parenting

**Biblical Principle #1: Parenting starts with the parent modeling the way forward.**

Key Passages: Deuteronomy 6:4-6; Joshua 24

- ⇒ You can be the ghost parent.
- ⇒ You can be the lazy parent.
- ⇒ You can be the "religious" parent.

⇒ You can be the negative parent.

⇒ You can be the fruitful parent.

Parenting Truth #1: I am my child's number one discipler.

Parenting Truth #2: My child will learn what love is and how to love from me.

Parenting Truth #3: My child will see what I worship many times clearer than I see it.

Parenting Truth #4: I can't force them to embrace the Gospel, but I can model the Gospel.

#### Questions to Ponder:

What areas in my life would I not want my child to follow me in?

What areas in my life would I want my child to be like me in?

What areas do I need to be a better model for my kids?

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## **Session #2 The Matrix of Parenting**

**Biblical Principle #2: The Gospel lays a foundation for my parenting in every stage of life.**

#### Types of Parenting:

- Tornado Parenting
- Bunker Parenting
- Blog Parenting
- Absent Parenting
- My childhood Parenting
- Creation Parenting

## The Matrix:

### **Early Years (0-5) - Teacher**

Goal: Obedience

Gospel Focus: Sin, love and Redemption.

Personal Prayer Focus: Perseverance

### **Middle Years (6-11) – Trainer**

Goal: Character

Train them in...

Their Attitudes

Their Actions

Their Aims

Gospel Focus: *Transformation*

Prayer Focus: Discernment

### **Teenage Years (12-18) – Coach**

Goal: Wisdom

Good coaching will involve....

- o Direct Discipleship
- o Christian Community

- o Consistent Conversations
- o Covered Choices
- o Learning Leadership



**Gospel Focus:** Eternity

**Personal Prayer Focus:** Understanding

## **Adult Years (18+) – Investor**

**Goal:** Devotion

**Gospel Focus:** The Faithfulness of God.

**Personal Prayer Focus:** Steadfastness

### Questions to Ponder:

What stage am I in as parenting?

Am I keeping the Gospel center in my parenting?

What is a practical way I can be more strategic in “the goal” of the stage I am in?

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## **Session #3 The Madness of Parenting**

**Biblical Principle #3:** The brokenness of my life, my child and this world, take me back over and over again to God’s mercy and redemptive plan.

### Why is parenting so tough?

- A. Every kid is different

- B. The world around us
- C. I am a selfish individual
- D. I can't change my child's heart.

## **I. How do we combat the fight from within for our child's heart?**

### **A. Discipline**

Discipline: The 4 "C":

- ⇒ Be Clear
- ⇒ Be Consistent
- ⇒ Be Calm
- ⇒ Be Christ Like

### **B. Prayer**

## **II. How do we fight for our child's heart from outside attackers.**

- ⇒ Friends Filters
- ⇒ Media Filters
- ⇒ Dating Filters
- ⇒ Hobby Filters

Gospel Truths to hold on to in the "parenting madness":

- 1) The Gospel embraces our weakness.
- 2) The Gospel uses our weakness  
In our weakness, He is strong.
- 3) The Gospel forgives our failures as weak parents.

Questions to Ponder:

What is my process for disciplining my kids?

What filter do you need to put in place as a parent for your child?

Am I letting God come forth in my weakness?

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## Session #4 The Mission of Parenting

**Biblical Principle #4: The Mission of my parenting is to make a disciple of Christ.**

Key passage: Matthew 28:18-20

M28 Parenting:

**The mission of parenting is to make a disciple of Christ.**

Teaching our kids to be on Mission:

Matthew 5:13-16

- Serve the body
- Share the Gospel
- Defend the Faith

- Love the Least
- Lead the Way

Questions to Ponder:

What has been my mission in parenting?

Why don't I try to make a disciple in my parenting?

How can I help my child know what they believe better?

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### Resources:

*The Jesus Story Book Bible* by Sandy Llyod Jones

*Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles that can Radically change your Family* by Paul David Tripp

*Parenting* -By Paul David Tripp (Video Series on Right Now Media)

*The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* written by Kevin DeYoung