

## Week of 3/06/22 Eph. 6:1-4 We Honor

### The Bigger Picture:

- **Parenting** will be the sermon focus for this week and next as we camp out in Ephesians 6:1-4.
- Look for **these resources** to help reinforce the truths from Ephesians 6:1-4:
  - **Family Discipleship place mat** that uses Stories, Scripture and Prayer to guide conversations around the table at home.
  - **Parents Prayer Night - March 13, 6:30pm** at RADIUS Lexington - a time for parents to encourage and pray for one another.
  - Our podcast **RADIUS Conversations** will be parenting themed - coming out on or around March 13
- During the last week of groups (w/o April 3) we are asking you to help your members take stock of their spiritual growth at home, at church and in the world using our revised Spiritual Health Assessment. The assessment will be web-based and will take about 30 minutes to complete. Members will be asked to pair up and go over their results together using a devotional resource based on the assessment questions. Be thinking about how you'd pair your folks up for these conversations.

### This Week's Goals:

Help the parents in your group see that parenting can sometimes be a shameful or self-righteous topic in church and encourage them to approach parenting (or how they've been parented) with lots of grace.

Have you prayed for your group members by name lately? Take some time to do that.

### Multiplication Moment:

Serial Group Planter, Solo Launch, Core Team, or Family Reunion - which of these "launch patterns" is the best fit for you and your Apprentice? (Click [HERE](#) for a launch pattern refresher.)

Still considering who your Apprentice may be? Consider who in your group has displayed a Shepherd's Heart for others (hint: they genuinely care about how others are doing, and they notice when someone is missing from small group).

### Leader Tips:

Appearing to "have it all together" can be a big temptation for Group Leaders. Remember your vulnerability and willingness to confess sin goes a long way towards breaking down relational walls.

Wednesday began the season of Lent - the 40 days leading up to Easter which the Church has traditionally observed as a season of reflection and repentance. [HERE](#) is Matt Chandler's take on why evangelicals can delight in observing Lent. [When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#) is a beautiful hymn for your own Lenten reflection.

## STORIES (15 min)

### Sharing God Stories:

Take a cue from the family discipleship placemat handed out in church this week and play a round of "Hi-Lo Buffalo". Each person shares a high moment, a low moment, and a really odd moment (Buffalo!) from their week.

### Get Talking:

God describes himself as a Father, how does that strike you?

**Prayer:** Transition from Stories to Scripture by asking someone to pray for your time in God's Word.

**SCRIPTURE (45 min) - These are our Group Chat Questions for this week:**

**Read Ephesians 6:1-4. What in the passage surprised, challenged or encouraged you?**

**Tell the funniest healthy discipline stories from your childhood. How did your parents' discipline shape you?**

**Someone share a painful/unhealthy disciplinary story and how it's shaped you.**

**What is your "instruction" plan for your children? Future children? Grandchildren? Or nieces and nephews?**

**What does Proverbs 17:6 mean?**

**PRAYER (20 min)**

Whether we are parents or not, we're all part of families. Pray for the families represented in your small group.

Consider breaking the group into pods to share specific areas of needed growth in their families.