

RAISING AMAZING KIDS

TODAY'S
KIDS ARE
TOMORROW'S
ADULTS
WHAT DOES
IT TAKE TO
MAKE SURE
THEY GET
THERE HEALTHY
WHOLE AND
GROUNDED
IN FAITH?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Courageous (Jason Strand)

INTRODUCTION

If you're a parent, you probably want to raise amazing kids. But how do you do that? We've spent the last few weeks focusing on raising faith-filled, responsible and self controlled kids. This week, we will talk about raising courageous kids. Let the scriptures and questions below help guide your discussion on how to raise courageous kids.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Proverbs 22:6** says, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Jason talked about two important parts of raising amazing kids—the grace of God and parents utilizing an intentional plan. In your parenting experience so far, which one do you feel you have relied more heavily?
2. Many parent's main goal in parenting is to insulate and protect their children from all struggles in life. Some have called this "helicopter parenting" because a parent hovers above their child trying to keep them safe at all costs. Do you find yourself "hovering" sometimes? Do you think this may be a natural tendency? Why?
3. What are the best ways to provide safety and comfort for your kids?
4. After hearing the message, what do you think should be a parent's ultimate goal in parenting?
5. Recall the story of King David's son, Absalom from **2 Samuel 13**. What are the dangers of passive parenting?
6. What does **Ephesians 6:4** tell us about having a proper balance between being too domineering and too passive as a parent?
7. Think about Absalom's response to King David's disengagement as a parent. Jason said that kids will "burn your fields" if they don't get attention. In what ways have your children "burned" you? Do you feel any responsibility for their actions? Do you feel their actions may have actually been them trying to get your attention?
8. It's important to maintain the moral authority in your home. For families who have lost this, what are some reasons they don't feel they have the right to reclaim it? Often parents think they are the moral standard for their kids, but what or who actually is? How can a parent best be a role model for their kids?

THINK ABOUT IT

The main goal of parenting should not be an easy life for our kids. The primary goal of parenting is to raise kids to love Christ. Kids desire their parent's attention. This week, get a time set on the calendar to spend some quality time with each of your kids. They'll thank you for it.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9



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