

# 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

Week 2—Feb. 18/19, 2012  
(Bob Merritt)

### INTRODUCTION

As followers of Christ, we probably agree that faith-filled, responsible, self-controlled and courageous kids would be amazing. In his message, Pastor Bob Merritt showed parents three ways to implant responsibility into kids: model responsibility in their own life; avoid insulating their children from difficult; and actively engage with their children.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In order to model responsibility, we must follow instructions ourselves. **Read Romans 10:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 12:2, Hebrews 4:12 and Proverbs 1:7.** Discuss what the main point is in each of these passages. What do these verses have to do with modeling responsibility to kids?
2. Bob said, "Don't insulate kids from difficulties." Discuss what difficulties you were personally shielded from that hindered you later in life. **Read James 1:1-12, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Proverbs 3:11-12, Proverbs 14:23 and Romans 8:28.** What do these verses say about difficulties?
3. The third takeaway from the message was to engage children at every level and leverage your influence. **Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26 (NLT) and Philippians 1:27-30,** How do these verses teach us to increase our influence, not only with our children but with the world around us? How does keeping pure enable God to use you more? What should we pursue and what should we avoid if we hope to be used by God in other people's life?
3. Bob mentioned that parents must engage deeply about friends, dating, faith, and technology exposure. Discuss any of these areas that have been a problem for you. Has there been or is there currently a missing level of engagement, accountability, or transparency in your life around these issues?
4. Equip yourself: The Bible gives us a wealth of direction on how to raise amazing kids. The following passages give us a deeper sense of God's heart on this subject: **1 Timothy 3:4-5, Deuteronomy 11:18-19, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21, Psalm 127:3-5 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12, Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Ephesians 6:1-3, Colossians, 3:20 Proverbs 6:20, 13:1, 13:24, 14:26, 19:18, 19:27, 22:6, 22:15, 23:24-25, 29:15, 29:17.**

### THINK ABOUT IT

Leadership is influence, and influence is almost impossible to achieve without credibility. In order to impact others for Christ, we need to start with self leadership. In Matthew 7:1-5, Jesus says, "First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friends eye." Christ wanted us to lead by example, look what Jesus tells will happen as we clean up our own lives and allow the light to penetrate our darkness: Luke 11:36 "If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light."



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