

# MESSAGE NOTES

What Kids Want to Say to Their Parents

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Before you were a \_\_\_\_\_, you were a \_\_\_\_\_.

“Seek first to \_\_\_\_\_, then to be  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

What kids want to say to their parents:

I need grace to make \_\_\_\_\_ and grace to deal with  
my \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm listening even when I'm not \_\_\_\_\_.

I need to know that I can come \_\_\_\_\_.

I need you to \_\_\_\_\_ me where I am.

I need you to \_\_\_\_\_ me.

I need you to seek to \_\_\_\_\_.

I need you to \_\_\_\_\_ me.

The Father chose to celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_, not to criticize the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of May 19, 2024

## GETTING STARTED \_\_\_\_\_

1. When you were a kid, what were the things you wished your parents knew?
2. If you are a parent or a person who has influence on children, what are some things you wish you could communicate clearly to them?

## DIGGING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

1. When you think about the concept of “legacy,” what images, thoughts, or emotions come to mind for you?
2. **Hebrews 11** presents a remarkable list of individuals celebrated for their unwavering faith. As a group, let’s explore this chapter. What recurring themes or characteristics do you notice among these faithful figures?

Do these align with your understanding of what it means to leave a legacy?

3. **Judges 2:10** describes a generation that “did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.” What factors do you believe contributed to this spiritual decline?

How vital is it to intentionally choose the kind of legacy we want to leave, and when should we start making those decisions?

4. Our influence extends beyond our individual efforts; we are part of a larger community—the body of Christ. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** emphasizes the role of passing down faith to the next generation. How do you perceive the role of the Church in shaping a meaningful legacy for future generations?

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Reflect on the different phases of parenthood outlined in the sermon (Commander, Coach, Counselor, Consultant). If you're a parent, which phase is, or has been, the greatest challenge? Explain.
2. On Sunday, Bryan mentioned it's always best to "seek first to understand, then to be understood." Why is this so difficult for us to do?

What is required of us if we are going to incorporate this principle into our interactions with the younger generation?

What effect might this have on anyone we are seeking to have influence on?

## PRAYER REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_