



We have all been shaped by our relationships. They impact the decisions we make, the places we go, and the things we do. That's why it's so important for parents to develop strong relationships with their children. As a parent, you have the opportunity and the responsibility to guide your child's relationship with God and with others. You're providing your children with a variety of experiences and activities; but are you intentionally influencing their lives?

Discussion Questions: Wk1

1. Looking at your own family or upbringing, were experiences or relationships more emphasized? How has that shaped you as an adult?
2. Think about your current parenting (or grand-parenting, or your own life). Are there ways you might be "experience rich and relationship poor"? What's one thing you could do differently this week to invest in relationship?
3. Do you remember the three key relationships Jame said shape who we become? (God, Parents, Those Outside The Home/Friends.) Do you agree/disagree and why?
4. *"No one has more potential to shape a child's view of God than their parents."* What are some ways a parent's faith (or lack of it) might influence their child's relationship with God?
5. The "God dial" can be set to *"it doesn't matter," "it's a good thing," "it should be a priority,"* or *"it's the most important thing."* Where would you honestly say you or your family are right now? What would it take to move the dial up one notch?
6. **Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** This passage calls us to trust God and submit to Him in all our ways. Is there an area of your parenting (or your own spiritual life) where you've been leaning on your own understanding instead of trusting God? What would it look like to submit that area to Him?
7. The three "path" questions—*Who do I want them to become? Where are they now? How can I help them take the next step?*—shift the focus from experience and achievement to relationship. Why is this shift important for spiritual growth?

Those same three questions can also be asked about your own spiritual journey. Which of these questions do you need to spend more time on personally, and what's one action you can take this week?