



Session 4

Big Idea:

What kind of faith are parents passing on to their children?

GROUP OPENER

If you had to guess what would you say your parents would say to these questions.

What is the purpose of religion?

What is the purpose of life?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Luke 2:41-52 Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?
- For a Formation Framework sheet go to www.necchurch.org/resources

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As a Group

What is a piece of wisdom you would like to pass on to the next generation?

Academic studies seem to bear out that Americans have been using religion to pass on the The American dream, as defined by – “If you work hard, try your best, and make good choices, you’ll live a good and happy life.”

In studying religious Americans the studies found that religion is seen as obtaining a good and happy life for their children. They conclude the religiosity we’re passing to our kids can help them be happy, successful, and nice, but it can’t save their souls.

If we use our faith to ensure we and those we love “live the good life”, then we have become the gods of our own lives. It is challenging to put God in a place of ultimate priority.

How can we help the next generation engage with scripture? How can we better engage with scripture?

How can you as someone who can impact children help to pass on following Jesus to the next generation?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement...

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, “I Will _____”. Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share your “I Will” statement with the group.

On Your Own

For those in the next generation you have influence with how can you create some of the following to help them grow and develop a resilient faith?

Small Habits –

Big Moments –

Strategic relationships -