

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### BETTER: Part Three, Parenting

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#### Key Things You Heard

- Everyone needs a circle. That is why God created the family.
- A better circle provides a better experience. The quality of your circle increases the quality of your child's life, choices, and direction.
- As your child ages, they start filling the seats of their circle.

#### Pray

*Heavenly Father, Help us learn to be godly influencers in our children's lives. Let us do everything we can to ensure that our children are surrounded by people who will help build godly character. In Jesus' name, amen.*

#### Sticky Statements

*"We do not need to delay spiritual maturity. We do not need to put off pushing and challenging each other and our kids in the area of growth."*

*"We do not get everything right. So we need people to coach and help us navigate life's challenges."*

#### Questions for Discussion

Icebreaker: Tell a funny story about raising your children. Or, if you don't have children, tell a funny story that happened with your parents when they were raising you.

1. Read 3 John 1:4. John was talking about those in the church. But is this your desire for those in your life, especially your children? What have you done, or what would you like to do that will ensure that your children are walking in the truth?
2. Who are the 8 loudest voices in your life? How have they contributed to your growth, or how have they hindered your growth? If this is true in your life, is it true for your children?

3. Who are the 8 loudest voices in your children's life? List them. If you can't list them with confidence, what does this say to you? Are you satisfied with the 8 loudest voices in your child's life? If so, explain. If not, what action needs to be taken.
4. Read Proverbs 13:20. This is a truism from the Bible. How have you seen this prove itself true in your life? How have you seen it prove itself true in the life of your children?
5. Read Proverbs 27:17. This is another truism in the Bible. What does this mean, and how can it be applied to your life? How do you ensure that this becomes true in the life of your children?
6. Jesus had two circles. He had a circle of 3, Peter, James, and John. Then he had the rest of the disciples. Who are you influencing in life for the Lord? Who are you leading? If you are not leading someone, why not? Who is available for you to lead? How will you get started?

**Challenge:** Talk to your child. Find out who the 8-12 most influential people are in their lives. Then, start holding "board meetings" with your child. Take the lead. Make it a point to influence their lives for the Lord and for the good of your child.