

DISCUSSION GUIDE

BETTER: Part Five, Inside Out

October 23, 2022



Key Things You Heard

- Synaptic pruning is the brain's process of removing synapses, or connections, between brain cells.
- Things important to you become important to your children.
- Things that are not important to you are not important to your children.
- Don't allow your child's relationship with God to be pruned because it is not important to you.

Pray

Heavenly Father, You have given us the great responsibility of training our children. Yet, you have wired the capacity to catch what is important inside of each of us. Let us, as parents, keep our priorities right with you so that our children understand it needs to be important to them. In Jesus' name, amen.

Sticky Statements

"Be intentional about speaking and living God's truth in front of your children. Provide good examples."

Questions for Discussion

Icebreaker: Spend some time as a group discussing how this sermon series has impacted your lives. Talk about what adjustments you have made in your personal life during this series and the difference it has made.

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-2. Why did Moses say God directed him to teach them the commands, decrees, and laws of God?

This verse was a promise to the Israelites originally. What are the implications or applications of this scripture for us today?

Do you think that most Christian parents believe the truth of this verse? Do you think most live by it? Why or why not?

What about you and your family? What takeaways from this verse you'd like to implement in your family?

2. Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. How have you been doing as a parent regarding helping your children understand God's Word?

What do you wish you had done differently? What might you do to take advantage of the time you have left or redeem your lost time?

3. Read Proverbs 22:6. What is the difference between teaching and training? Explain how each has its place in the family.
4. "You are switching from caregiver to coach in your child's life." What does this mean? How does this affect the way you view your time with your child.

Challenge: Start a habit to reinforce Godly/Christian values:

1. Start a prayer streak with someone in the student ministry.
2. Begin a bible plan with someone in the student ministry.
3. Have a weekly date night with your kids. (Discover their love languages).
4. Find a service project in your community or serve together in a ministry at church.

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