



“Giving Your Children Back to God”
Discussion Questions
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1. What do you think it means to dedicate something or someone to God?
2. Who was the most influential person in your childhood? How did he/she impact you?
3. Who has influenced you the most in your spiritual growth?
4. Should other adults outside the nuclear family get a say in a child’s upbringing? (grandparents? uncles? teachers? church members?)
5. When was a time when your parents taught you something good?
6. How did your picture of God change as you grew up? Was it parallel with your evolving understanding of your parents?
7. To what extent should children be given scope to make their own decisions about their faith? How much should we teach children about Christianity?
8. If a child or teenager decides that he/she doesn’t want to go to church, at what age should this decision be respected?
9. Should children be introduced to other beliefs, and if so, at what age?
10. Under what circumstances should you allow your children freedom to choose whatever they want?
11. How does your Christian worldview impact your parenting philosophy?
12. No one is a perfect parent. No one is a perfect child. Yet there are certain expectations on both sides. What are some of those expectations? Who decides?
13. Many people have had challenging childhood experiences. How can we have a healthy and positive relationship with God despite our own brokenness?
14. What did Jesus mean when He said, “The kingdom of God belongs to those with childlike faith.” What does it mean to have childlike faith?
15. Why do you think children liked Jesus? What do children appreciate and how can we prevent the marginalization of children that often occur?
16. How can we make church a safe place for children? How can we make church a meaningful place for children?