

# Seacoast Church Small Group Questions

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## New & Improved: Parenting [Ephesians 6:1-4] Small Group Lesson

### Scripture

**Ephesians 6:1-4 (NLT)** : 1Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. 2"Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: 3If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." 4Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

### Icebreaker

- Talk about one thing that your parents did really well during your childhood. What did you appreciate the most about that?
- Pastor Greg talked about the importance of family meals. What was your favorite memory of family dinners in your home?
- Share your best Mother's Day memory?

### Discussion Questions

1. Paul challenges all of us to honor our father and mother in verse 1. Do you find it difficult to honor your parents? Why or Why Not?
2. Share some ways that you can honor your parents on a practical level.
3. In what ways does your theology guide your view on parenting?
4. Pastor Greg shared some principles of parenting from his experiences and from God's Word. The first principle that he shared about was Start Early. Why do you think that it is important to start teaching your children biblical principles early on in their lives?
5. What are some practical things that you can do to teach your children about Christ at an early age?
6. The second principle that Pastor Greg shared was to Live Consistently. How do you think a consistent lifestyle would have an impact on children?
7. The third principle that Pastor Greg shared was to Look for Teaching Opportunities. What are some teaching opportunities that you have had with your children?
8. What are some meaningful family traditions that your family has?
9. Take some time to pray with one another specifically for your families.