

WELCOME

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Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and ministries we serve in.

MAY MESSAGE SERIES FORGING STRONG FAMILIES

This week's message:

Forging Strong Children

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

*Children are a **heritage** from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like **arrows** in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Ps 127:3-4*

Forging strong children means giving them:

DIRECTION MOTIVATION RELEASE

How are our kids motivated to love God? (Deuteronomy 6:5-9)

1. Parents **KNOW** God through His **WORD** and His **SON**.
2. Parents **LOVE** God through **OBEDIENT LIVING**. (Deut. 10:12-13)
3. Parents **TEACH** their children to **KNOW** and **LOVE** God by...

MODELING = KNOWING God + LIVING it out (The PRESENCE of our KIDS)

Leaving a CROSS-SHAPED impression on our kids requires:

- ▶ Turning your heart towards Christ and home.
- ▶ Talking about God and His Word.
- ▶ Showing Christ in our actions.
- ▶ Showing Christ in our thoughts.
- ▶ Living a joyful and passionate life with Christ.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Where do you tend to look when you need parenting advice or help? How often do you turn to the Bible for advice on parenting? To other godly people? To prayer?

1 Timothy 4:9-12 & 15-16. Paul writes to a young pastor named Timothy about how he is supposed to guide followers of Christ. How can these principles apply to us as parents?

What personal convictions do you have about Jesus? Are these convictions being show regularly to your kids? What examples are you setting for your kids in speech? In conduct? In love? In faith? In purity?

Discuss our formula for modeling a Christ-centered life. Discuss how you can increase your connection with your kids throughout your busy week.

Paul uses the word "persevere" to describe this work (v. 16). How are you persevering in these matters at home? What are your ultimate hopes for your children? Do your family schedule and priorities reflect those desires?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Do you feel comfortable telling your children, "Follow my example, because I am following Christ." Why or why not? Where do you need to grow personally in your own walk with Christ?

MORE NOTES: _____

Need Prayer? Life is hard. You were not meant to live it alone. Following our message, an elder or prayer partner will be we available to pray with you at our Prayer Patio (on the right side of the theater). You can also share your prayer request on your **Connection Card** and place it in this morning's offering bag.