

Eternal Legacy: Raising a Generation to Personally Pursue God
Joshua 24:1-15

Small Group Questions

- 1) Describe the spiritual condition of your family during your growing up years. How has this shaped your parenting?
- 2) In your current phase of life, what is most enjoyable about parenting? What are the greatest challenges? What are your biggest fears?
- 3) Pastor Craig said the purpose of the family is to raise a generation to personally pursue God. If this is true, how should it shape how you parent your children? Why is it important for a husband and wife to be united regarding the purpose of parenting? What encouragement would you give a single parent or someone with an unbelieving spouse?
- 4) In Joshua 24:1-3 Joshua reminded the Israelites of God's faithfulness in four specific periods of their life. What are these four periods? (ancestry, exodus, wilderness, promised land) In what ways do each of us have personal stories in each of these four categories?
- 5) What's the benefit of sharing these stories with our children? What hinders us from sharing these stories? When, where, and how will you share these stories?
- 6) In Joshua 24:14, Joshua encourages the Israelites to have a genuine devotion to the Lord. What are the three qualities he mentions in the verse? (fear the Lord, serve Him, and put away gods) In what ways can we instruct our children toward a genuine devotion to the Lord? See also Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Proverbs 4:20-23, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4
- 7) What was the personal decision and parental declaration that Joshua made in Joshua 24:15. In what ways is the Christian life both caught and taught – not one or the other, but both? How was Joshua able to speak with such confidence about his family?
- 8) Share specific applications (or changes) that need to be made to better help your children personally pursue God. Discuss how you can pray for each other and hold one another accountable.