

**GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTING (SHOOTING STRAIGHT 1)**

**PSALM 127**

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**GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A GOSPEL-CENTERED HOME?**
2. **GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTS RECOGNIZE THAT CHILDREN ARE A BLESSING FROM THE LORD. HOW DO YOU SEE OUR CULTURE GETTING THIS WRONG? WHAT ARE THE RAMIFICATIONS OF IT?**
3. **GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTS RECOGNIZE THAT CHILDREN ARE BUILT BY THE LORD. HOW CAN THIS TRUTH FREE PARENTS IN THEIR PARENTING?**
4. **GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTS RECOGNIZE THAT CHILDREN MUST BE BENT TOWARD THE LORD. WHAT ARE WAYS PARENTS CAN BEND THEIR CHILDREN TO THE LORD?**
5. **CONSIDER THE CHART BELOW. CHOOSE A COUPLE OF THEM AND DISCUSS THE DANGERS OF BEING CHILD-CENTERED AND THE BLESSINGS OF BEING GOSPEL CENTERED.**

<b>CHILD-CENTERED PARENTS</b>	<b>GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTS</b>
Believe children are basically good & need affirmation	Believe children are basically foolish & need correction
Allow children to believe they are sovereign	Train children to yield control to God who alone is sovereign
Make children objects of worship for parents	Make parenting an act of worship to God
Parents love children too little or too much	Parents love children more than self but less than God
Allow the demands of children to dictate the family schedule	Train children to bend their schedule around the needs of others
Fear what would happen to their children if they ever left their sight	Trust God is watching over their children when they can't
Allow children to view themselves as peers with adults and authorities	Train children to honor adults and submit to authorities
Prioritize their children over their marriage	Prioritize their marriage for the sake of their children
Define success by compliant, obedient children.	Define success by repentance & faith of children as they recognize their need for God
Find their identity in the performance of their children	Find their identity in the grace of Christ