

WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 5,
2011

JOURNEY GROUP QUESTIONS



GROW.

OUR MISSION: *Leading people on a life-changing journey to follow Jesus Christ. [Matthew 11:28-30]*

JOURNEY OUR WEEKLY JOURNEY TAKES FOUR STEPS IN FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST:

Love God. [Matthew 22:37] through WORSHIP **Grow** in God. [2 john 1:6] through GROUPS

Serve God. [1 peter 4:10] through TEAMS **Share** God. [acts 1:8] through OUTREACH

TITLE: I DO, WE DID, NOW WHAT? – SPIRITUALLY LEADING YOUR CHILD

Intro

The format for journey group questions is designed to help keep your group healthy and balanced around our four weekly steps of following Jesus – love, grow, serve, and share.

Leader Note: If you have any questions or feedback on these questions email groups@westridge.com.

Bottom Line: We spiritually lead our children by instructing them through the natural rhythms of our life.

Love

1. News to share with your group.
 - Men's Prayer Breakfast every Thursday @ 6:30 am at West Ridge in the Multi-purpose theater.
 - The week of February 7-14 you can to <http://www.couplecheckup.com/wrc.html> and take the couple checkup for a reduced rate of \$19.95. The normal cost is \$29.95.
 - On Feb. 10 we will offer childcare at the church for \$15 so you and your spouse can have a date night - "I Do, We Did, Now Date!" Register at <http://www.westridge.com/events/details/the-great-date-experience-feb-10>.
2. Is anyone facing a significant decision or have something going on in their life that we can pray about?
3. Begin your group time in prayer.

Grow

❖ **Attend our class on Christian Doctrine called Foundations @ 8 am on Sundays in the Discovery Room.**

(Note: This discussion deals primarily with people that have children in their home. If you have people that are single or that don't have children, you can ask the questions in a way allowing them to describe their experience growing up with their own parents. For example in question 1, you could ask on average, "how much time did you spend with your parents each day growing up?" Or if you have people that are empty nesters, you can ask them to reflect back when their kids were at home and to share their experience now that their children are grown.)

1. On average, how much time would you say you have to spend with your kids each day?
2. When it comes to leading our kids spiritually, “It’s not quantity time versus quality time, it’s the quantity of quality times” What does that statement mean? Do you agree or disagree?
3. What are some of things we struggle with that keep us from instructing our children about God, the Bible, and life?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9.**

“When the pathways of our lives and our children’s lives blend together, when we get into their world and bring them into ours, the result is something called friendship. We go far beyond the responsibility and role of guardian; in fact we are no longer aware when we ‘playfully’ enter their world or ‘deliberately’ include them in ours. Instead, we genuinely like being with each other. This is child discipleship at its best.”

- What message are you giving to your children by how you live your life? What are you modeling?
- What are the most important times of the day you have to connect with and spend time with your kids?
- What are some things you can do in the morning to spiritually lead your children?
- What are some things you can do in the evening or at bedtime to spiritually lead your children?
- What are some things you can do while riding in the car to spiritually lead your children?
- What are some other practical things you could do during the normal course and rhythm of your day to spiritually lead your children?

5. **Read Proverbs 22:6.**

ESV Study Bible Note: This proverb, founded on the covenant with Abraham ([Gen. 18:19](#)), encourages parents to “train” (i.e., to “dedicate” or “initiate”) their children in the way (the right moral orientation) by pointing to the kinds of conduct that please or displease the Lord, and to the normal outcome of each kind of conduct. The training will include love and instruction as well as “the rod of discipline” ([Prov. 22:15](#)).

- How do you implement discipline to help train up your children in the way they should go?
- What is the goal of discipline?
- How do you balance love, instruction, and discipline when it comes to spiritually leading your children?

6. Conclude your group time in prayer. Ask “How can we pray for you?” in regards to this topic.

Serve

❖ Visit <http://www.westridge.com/volunteer/> to find out more about our volunteer opportunities.

Share

❖ Sign up for a mission trip at <http://www.westridge.com/missions/>.

Meditate and Memorize

Proverbs 22:6 – “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”