

## Growth Group Discussion Questions August 29, 2021

## Father's Don't Exasperate

Ephesians 6:1-4

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
- 2. Compare and contrast how believers and unbelievers would answer the question: what is the goal of parenting?
- 3. Pastor Jason shared a few things that tend to exasperate our children: (1) our anger gets passed down to them in discipline; (2) when we put undue pressure on them; and (3) when we don't know them.
  - a. Which of these do you struggle with the most? Why?
  - b. When do you tend to get the angriest with your kids? Read Ephesians 4:26-27. What are some practical things we can do to live out these verses?
  - c. Why do so many parents put their identity in their kids? How can we do a better job of putting our identity and strength in Christ?
  - d. How can we balance fostering our kids' strengths and helping them grow without putting undue pressure on them?
  - e. How does knowing our kids help us better shepherd their hearts?
- 4. What are some examples of bad parents in the Bible? Good parents? What can we learn from these examples?
  - a. When we look to God as our Heavenly Father, what practical takeaways can we apply to our parenting?
- 5. Spend a few minutes praying for all the parents at FBC and in our community.