

# PARENT *unscripted*

**Week of September 12, 2021**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. In your life, what was the interaction between you and your parents regarding faith? How did that shape your view of God and the church?
2. Read Proverbs 4:23. Paul said, “God’s plan for parenting is about training the heart.” How is that different from training behavior? .
3. Read Luke 2:52. Jesus grew in these 4 areas. Why are all 4 so important? What happens to a child when one of them is missing?
4. Read Proverbs 4:23. Think back on how your heart was trained (or not trained). How have you seen that “everything you do” flows out of that?
5. If you have young children at home, what are you doing to have daily faith conversations with your children? How can this group encourage you on the tough days?
6. Regardless of your stage of life, what are you currently impressing on the hearts of the next generation? What is your part in helping our church to do that?

## **Moving Forward**

While our children don't come with a specific script, there are principles that, if we impress them on their hearts, will set them up well for life. What will you do so the impression you are making on the next generation seeks to train their heart to passionately love and follow Jesus?

### **Proverbs 4:23**

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

### **Luke 2:52**

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Wisdom: The ability to choose correctly and to follow the best path of action.

- Ephesians 5:15 *Therefore be careful how you live, not as unwise men, but as wise,*
- Principle to Model: Ask - "What is the wise thing to do?"

Stature: The ability to discern my greater life purpose as I physically mature.

- Acts 20:24, *However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.*
- Principle to Model: I can trust God no matter what.

Favor with man: The ability to treat others the way I want to be treated.

- Philippians 2:3, *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*
- The Principle to Model: Think Others First

Favor with God: The ability to live out your own personal faith.

- Joshua 24:15, *Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*
- The Principle to Model: Follow me as I follow Christ.