



FOR CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND FAMILY BIBLE STUDY.



HOME – (a family that wants you to grow):

28 June, 19:00 – Online Parent Talk with Mac & Naudine Adaimi on Zoom.



UP – (let's worship God first):

Pray - Open up in a prayer of gratitude. What are you thankful for?
(Thankfulness towards God, cultivates a lifestyle of worship.)



BACK – (let's reflect on last week):

Testimonies - Any testimonies for what you are thankful for? How did last week's lesson impact your life? Have you applied it in your life or shared it with someone else last week?
(Testimonies builds our faith and accountability cultivates a lifestyle of obedience.)



IN – (together discover new truths):

Discover – What new truths can we learn from the following verses?
(Word based convictions, cultivates a lifestyle of truth and faith.)

Ask someone in the group to read John 15:1-5. Maybe ask someone else to read it again in a different translation before you proceed.

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

- What can we learn about the Father heart of God from this portion of Scripture?
- Can you see the dependency we have in the Trinity?

Parenthood

John 15:1-5

The scripture poses 3 questions:

Firstly, where are we positioned as parents?

Are we in the vine of Christ?

Are we **secondly** willing to **lose the character flaws** we have?

Talk about those branches that does not bear fruit?

And **thirdly**: Are we willing to be pruned to bear more fruit?

1. Pruning

- Parents needs forming just like their children.
- Parenthood is first becoming and then doing.
- Parenthood starts in our marriage.

Parenthood is about who we are in Christ.

Read John 15: 1 & 3

Are you in the Vine of Christ? Is He the One that is in governing your parenting?

Parenthood asks the following questions of us:

- How deeply can we love?
- How quickly can we forgive?
- How patient can we be?
- How deep is my commitment to be a parent?
- What am I willing to give of myself?

With which of these areas in the questions do you struggle with? Please discuss it.

2. Vision

- Do you have a vision for your family?
- Is it a vision you received from God... or our culture?

To get a vision for your family there are two components we need to step away from if we want to be good parents.

The one is the parenting example of our own parents.

- The point is: you might have had great or a terrible example from your parents.
- Are you following the example of Father God in His Word for your family?
- Where do you get the example for your parenting?

The second one is our own bad parenting past.

- You have grown and learnt to do parenting according to the will of God.
- Now you need to implement it in every season of your parenting.

Discuss how this could be a problem to break the habits of your own parenting past.

3. Responsibility

1 Samuel Chapters 2- 4 (*I know it will be too much to read in the group time...*)

- Responsibility as parents never end when we look at the life of Eli. He was old and his sons were adults when the Lord reprimanded him about his son's behavior.
- God went so far to punish Eli for not taking responsibility for his children's behavior.
- Looking at Father God, He never takes his responsibility as a Father away from us as His Children.
- Our role as parents will change through the different seasons, but we will never relinquish the responsibility

Please remember:

Your children's eyes are always on you...they see more what you do, than listening to what you say.



OUT – (let's apply what we have just learned):

Application – Reflecting on today's scripture discoveries, what convicts you? What have you discovered about faith, good or bad?

Take some time and commit to allow these truths to transform you. How will you apply what you have learned?

Are you ready to live a life full of faith and turning to Jesus when you are desperate?

Pray for one another for areas of specific need and ask the Father to provide the solution as only He can.