



THE PRIVILEGE OF PARENTING

Reflection/discussion guide

- Go back in time and remember holding your child for the first time in the hospital. What were some of your thoughts? Your hopes? Your fears?
- From what you know about Jesus, why do you think he so values children? What does that say to us as parents?
- As mentioned in the video, parents get to help form a future! That reality is both daunting and amazing. Make a list of the top 3-4 goals, values, character traits etc. you have for your children. What can you do to help ensure these are realized in your child's future?
- **Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6**
As mentioned in the video, this verse talks about raising our children both spiritually AND according to their natural bent...their unique wiring, interests and skills. How easy is that for you? In what ways are you already doing that? In what areas might you have some room for improvement?
- What might you say to a parent of a teenager who is struggling to celebrate parenting as a "Privilege"?
- Why is it so easy to focus on the negative aspects of parenting; and the stuff about our children that frustrate us? Is there something you can do that will help you focus on the positive aspect of being a parent even during the most strenuous times?
- **Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3**
For the next twenty years or so, make this a verse you commit to memory and remind yourself of regularly!