CORINTH KID'S MINISTRY

8 TIPS TO DISCIPLE YOUR KIDS

1. SET REALISTIC EXAMPLES

Parents expect too much of themselves and end up giving up when we feel like failures. Family worship doesn't have to look like a church service, gospel conversations don't have to end with a new and proufound theologicial understanding. Try 15 minutes a night, and slowly move more conversations towards the gospel.

2. SEE FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE, NOT A PROGRAM

There is nothing wrong with organized family worship - it's a great idea. But make sure to focus on it not being a program but a way of life. Strive to talk with your children about Christ as naturally as you can, as much as possible.

3. FOCUS ON JESUS

Our goal should always be to point kids to Jesus. God is less concerned with their behavior and more concerned with their hearts. That is why we need to always point our kids to the gospel and allow that to inform how they live.

4. BE A GUIDE, NOT A GENERAL

Think of a trail guide who travels with you and beside you. They don't stay back at camp and just point the direction or give you a map - he/she goes with you! That's what we need to do with our kids in the journey of discipleship. Positioning yourself as a guide doesn't mean you have all the answers, but it does give you the freedom to seek answers with your kids.

5. FEED YOUR OWN GROWTH

The best teaching comes from the overflow of what we are learning. As you grow your confidence will increase and you will have more to share with your kids.

6. TEACH BY YOUR EXAMPLE

We often focus our discipleship on what we teach our kids, but we cannot forget that they are learning from what we do, for better or worse. How is the gospel framing how you live each day in the home, in the community, at work, and beyond?

7. CONNECT THEM DEEPLY IN YOUR CHURCH

God has given us the church as a local community of faith to come alongside us, encourage us, and echo what we are teaching in our homes.

8. PRAY WITH THEM AND FOR THEM

Think about the opportunities you have each day, such as in the car on the way to school, part of your bedtime routine, and use some of that time to pray.