

GOSPEL

from self-righteousness to humility

Week 3 | Gospel | April 26, 2015

Opening Up:

Describe yourself as an adolescent. What was your pre-teen to teen life like? (You can ask about your group members' personalities, interests, hobbies, sports, relationships, best friends, neighborhood, and/or spiritual life.)

What is something you should have been disciplined for, but were not? Do you have a memorable disciplinary moment at home, school, or work?

What did discipline look like your home growing up? Who was the disciplinarian? How did they discipline?

Reference: Genesis 3:1-13

Discuss:

1. Romans 7:7-8 reminds us that the law is powerless to produce in us what it requires. Why is it important to know that you cannot perfectly obey the law and obtain holiness by measuring up to it?
2. When the idea that “you are a sinner raising (or leading) sinners” is applied to your parenting (or any relationship), how does it affect the conflict?
3. There are three things to know about the law: it is good, it reveals your inability to keep it, and it points to your need for a savior. How should your parenting be affected by the fact that you can't perfectly keep the law and that you need a savior? Why should all three focuses of the law (it's good, you're bad, and a savior is needed) be present in all discipline?
4. In Genesis 5:1-3 we see that we share in the nature of God and the nature of Adam. Is it easier to see that image of God in others (or your children) or the image of Adam? Why?
5. When God questions Adam and Eve in the garden, he is pulling them out of their shame and beginning to reconcile the broken relationship. Why does shame push us to hide? In what ways do people hide from each other? Did your parents parent you with shame?
6. We are made to be both known and loved. Many will settle for just being loved. Why is it hard to be known and loved? Do your parents know *and* love you?
7. There is now “no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus,” says Paul. The author of Hebrews says that Jesus died “once for all” for our sins. Jesus was punished for our sins. What is different about discipling or correcting a child verses punishing them? How does seeing Jesus punished for sins help us to better discipline our children? How does this affect how you discipline yourself?
8. What do we need to learn about parenting from our Father in heaven?
9. Pray.