

Water of Life Community Church
YOUR FAMILY'S SPIRITUAL LIFE
WEEK 1
LUKE 6:39-45; 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

ICEBREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Parenting is hard and there's no one formula that fits every circumstance. However, parents who truly want to leave a legacy of spiritual health in following the Lord must take personal responsibility. It's not up to the student pastor or children's minister to impart a spiritual legacy for your family. Rather, your own personal spiritual walk is your most important tool in building and passing along faith in your family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ LUKE 6:39-45

- a. What stands out to you the most personally in this passage?
- b. In your own words, what general truth is Jesus communicating here?
- c. How have you seen verse 42 played out in a parent-child relationship—either when you were growing up or as you've parented your own children?
- d. Is "do as I say, not as I do" ever an effective parenting strategy? Explain.
- e. What are some key characteristics of "good fruit" (vv. 43-45) in the life of a parent wanting to pass on a legacy of faith? Why is it important that our lives bear good fruit?
- f. What quality of fruit would your family say you are producing? Why? What would Jesus need to do to make it better?

2. READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:2.

- a. What stands out to you as especially instructive for parents in this verse? What are the specific ways Paul teaches here for us to invest in the kingdom of God?
- b. "Be ready to tell stories" was a point of application made in the message. What hang-ups might some parents have about sharing their own personal stories with their children?

c. Why are personal testimonies shared in the right context always such strong teaching tools?

d. "Keep up with culture" is a second point of application that was made. Why do you think so many parents make it their business to know what is going on with their young children, but then give up or bury their heads in the sand when their kids enter the teenage years?

e. What is a current cultural issue any parent who wants to lead their children to love and follow Jesus should proactively address? Why?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 4:2, New Living Translation (NLT)

Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.
