

Session 1: God Is Our Hope

Why are we here?

- We are here because we love our kids.
- Because we love our kids we want to equip them to stand strong.
- Because we love our kids we want to excel in our parenting.

Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.
⁴Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth.
⁵Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.
Psalms 127:3-5 NIV84

Following God is our hope.

Example of Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20)

Example of Jeremiah and the Remnant (Jeremiah 42-43)

We must believe that...

1) God will be pleased.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. NIV84

Matthew 6:1 “Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. Matthew 10:42 [Jesus said,] “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” NIV

We must believe that...

2) Our kids will be impacted.

Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. NIV84

- Face value: Your parenting determines their outcome.
- Context: It may be a general principle.
- Purpose:
 - A: God wants to instruct you.
 - B: God wants to give you hope.

1 Timothy 3:4-5 [An overseer] must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) NIV84

1 Timothy 3:12 A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. NIV84

Titus 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. NIV84

We must believe that...

3) The world will be blessed.

Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." NIV84

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. NIV84

Kids are your best and easiest disciples.

God is our hope!

Psalm 3:1-8