



## Luke 4:4-15 “God’s Wisdom in Parenting”

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### Discussion Questions

#### INTRODUCTION

Parents, whether biological or not, are one of the most important relationships a child can have with a person. The Bible has a vast amount of wisdom on the subject of parenting in its various parts. Matthew Bishop’s question to be answered from Sunday morning is this: How does my shepherding of children reflect the reality of the Gospel?

#### DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Read Luke 4:4-15. How do the different soils relate to the states of a child’s heart? How might you be a parable for the world? For children?
2. How can the body of Harvest Church develop a culture that celebrates the gospel for our children through marriage, singleness, and any other stage of life in which we may find ourselves?
3. Read Proverbs 22:6. Bishop argued that Proverbs are not simply promises, but general wisdom. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
4. What are the inherent difficulties of parenting in the way of Proverbs 22:6? What did Matthew mean by calling this verse a “lame promise” or a “false hope?” How might this change how you read the Proverbs?
5. How was the concept of disciplining your children presented on Sunday? Why is this so very counter to how our culture views disciplining children? What is the difference between shepherding the hearts of children and laying down the law?

#### PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer with one another for things drawn out of the discussion.