



Week Two: Raising Adults



Conversation Starters (20 Minutes)

- How well did the change you made this past week work to improve your parenting?
- What is the best memory you have of your parents?



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As parents, we are not raising _____.
We are raising _____.

Sometimes I don't follow through on _____ because I don't want my kids to experience _____.

I have to allow my kids to experience the _____ of _____.

Four Stages of Parenting:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Parent with the _____ in _____.

Our kids are a _____ of us. Our kids will make _____ on their own regardless of how well we did in them.

_____ can keep us from raising _____.

Your kids don't belong to _____. They belong to _____.

What does it take for us to love and trust God? _____



Group Discussion (45 Minutes)

1. If the goal is to raise future adults, what specifically should you be doing now to accomplish that goal?
2. Read aloud **Proverbs 22:6**. What are you doing to help your kids meet, know, and follow Jesus?
3. What stage of parenting are you currently in? When do you see yourself transitioning to the next stage with each of your kids?
4. Did your parents stay too long or get stuck at any of these four stages?
5. How do we get to the stage of Consultant where our adult kids would come to us for advice and guidance?
6. How does knowing your kids are God's, not yours, make you feel? Does knowing this change anything in your parenting?
7. Chad discusses how eagles teach their eaglets to fly by pushing them out of the nest. What "flying" lessons have or are you teaching your kids in which they feel they are "dying?"
8. What kind of adults are you raising based on your current boundaries and methods of discipline?



Prayer (10 Minutes)

How can we pray for you in your parenting this week? After everyone has time to answer this question, spend some time praying for each other as a group.



Action Items (Complete on your own)

1. In the table below, write your kids' names in the top row of each column. Then think about each of your kids. For each of the four stages, write an age range (i.e. 5-7) in which each kid was or will be in that parenting stage. Keep in mind different kids progress at different rates and may need more or less time in each parenting stage.

NAMES				
CAREGIVER	-	-	-	-
COP	-	-	-	-
COACH	-	-	-	-
CONSULTANT	-	-	-	-