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Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Proverbs 1:1-4 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: **2** for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; **3** for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; **4** for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young

Proverbs 22:6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.

Hebrews 12:7-11 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? **8** If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! **10** They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. **11** No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— **3** "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." **4** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Other Passages: Colossians 3:20-21, Prov. 13:22, Prov. 1:7, Prov. 3:12, Prov. 19:18, Gal. 3:6-7

Connect:
Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:
Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1) Aaron talked about Proverbs as general wisdom, but also acknowledged that life sometimes goes sideways. How does God's word speak into the complexities of life when "transactional theology" (If I do this, God will do that) doesn't seem to work?
2) Looking back, how has God used your family (parents and kids) to make you more like Jesus?
3) Are there current challenges in your family that would look different from the perspective of God's discipleship (using this to make us more like Jesus)?
4) Can you think of times when God's loving discipline shielded you from a worse outcome (the path of destruction)?
5) Is it hard to view discipline as motivated by love? Why or why not? What other motivations for discipline have you seen?

Clarify:
Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:
Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS