



Woodland Park Community Church

We Follow Jesus and Lead Others to Follow Jesus

Spiritual Parenting

1 Corinthians 4:14-21 Kirk Greenstreet
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1. A Spiritual Parent does not Shame but does Admonish and Love
2. A Spiritual Parent Shares the Gospel
3. A Spiritual Parent sets an Example and Teaches
4. A Spiritual Parent Disciplines

Small Group Questions:

Thinking about this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

Do you find it difficult to admonish your children or spiritual children when they are off track in their spiritual lives? Why is it so difficult? Does it ever come across as shaming them?

Many Christians have not become spiritual parents by sharing the gospel with others and leading them to faith in Jesus. Is that true in your life and if so, why? What is your experience in sharing the gospel?

Share a time when your actions did not match your words and others noticed. How did that make you feel and how did you correct it and make it right with others?

Read through these three principles. How do you respond to them?

- 1) Spiritual parenting requires self-sacrifice on behalf of our spiritual children.
- 2) Spiritual parenting means exhorting and encouraging toward spiritual maturity and setting a worthy example.
- 3) Spiritual parenting means confronting and correcting when gentle encouragement isn't enough.