



Oak Grove Continuing Education 2021-22- Discipleship in the Home

Parenting at every stage has its unique challenges and opportunities. Many parents are tempted to give in to the lie that “survival” is the parenting goal for the pre-teen and teenage years. However, we also know that the scriptures are filled with exhortations for young men and women to pursue godliness and serve the Lord with zeal and passion. How can we disciple and cultivate godliness in our children? Expanding on training from Family Education Weekend, we will explore the particular challenges and practical strategies for leading and serving our pre-teens and teens as the imperfect but God-fearing parents we are called to be! Additionally, we are confident that the content can apply to parenting children at any age, and encourage parents of younger children to come in order to prepare for the next stage.

**The goal of this seminar is to supplement and not replace the vital ministry and training of the local church.*

Schedule, and Format

When: Once a month, Mondays, 2:30-3:30 pm (Please note our first session is next Monday, September 27). While topics will somewhat build on another, each can also stand independently, so *please do not allow an absence one month to discourage attendance.*

Who: All parents are welcome.

How: Lecture/Small Group Discussion

Where: OG campus- Room B208.

Recommended Reading: [Age of Opportunity](#), by Paul Tripp. While not a requirement, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase and read along in the book for more in-depth study and contemplation.

Date	Topic	Recommended Reading
September 27, 2021	Defining Roles What is a family? What are key Biblical principles for parenting?	Chs. 1-4
October 25, 2021	Challenges Teens Face Proverbs 1-7 lays out the particular temptations and challenges faced by young men and women. We will delve into this insight from Scripture.	Ch. 5
November 15, 2021	Cultivating Wisdom How do we guide teens in the ability to discern and make wise choices, especially when there’s no explicit guidance in Scripture?	Chs. 6-8
December 6, 2021	Engaging the World We will look at the deceptions of modern culture and discuss tools for confronting and engaging contemporary issues.	Ch. 9



January 31, 2022	The Technology War We will discuss principles and provide some practical suggestions for navigating discussions about use of smart phones and engaging media.	TBD
February 28, 2022	Developing a Heart for God What are the characteristics of a heart for God? How does one develop these?	Ch. 10
March 28, 2022	Preparing for Adulthood and Leaving Home What are the priorities in preparing my teen to leave home?	Ch. 11
April 25, 2022	Wrap up and Next Steps We will discuss some final strategies and next steps for application.	Chs. 12-13