

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Hey, Kids!
August 30, 2015
Ephesians 6:1-4

- 1.) What was your experience as a kid with what “obedience” meant? Harsh? Casual? What did you learn?
- 2.) Will noted that Paul assumes children are in the audience when Ephesians is read/taught to the church. How does this impact how you consider your kids and their exposure to God’s Word?
- 3.) Will said that in the Bible obedience always has loving relationship as its context. Is that true?

HINT: Remember the broader context and the greater story of all of Scripture we have been talking about especially recently. When God commands his people to do or obey or avoid anything, it ALWAYS comes in the context of his fatherly love for them; that’s why it’s safe (and right) to obey! Read and discuss Exodus 20:2 and Ephesians 5:1, among many other examples.
- 4.) Which is harder for you as a parent – insisting on the obedience or nurturing the heart of the “obeyer”?
- 5.) What do you feel about yourself when you provoke your children to anger? What lies do you believe in those moments when you have failed?
- 6.) What things do you allow to become a higher priority and a greater focus of your parenting than bringing your child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- 7.) Will said, “God doesn’t love you because you obey; He wants you to obey because he loves you!” How does this impact you personally as God’s child? How should it impact you as a parent?
- 8.) *Multiple Choice:* I find Randall’s and Will’s versions of “Jesus Loves Me” a) offensive b) unhelpful c) refreshing d) theologically good but poetically weak. Discuss.
- 9.) Brainstorm ways to help our kids remember how much Jesus loves them no matter what.



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