



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Proverbs: "Wise Parenting"

GETTING STARTED

How would you describe how your parent(s) or parent-figure "raised" you? What did they most value?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?
What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Proverbs 22:6]

In what way would you say that your parent(s) directed you...or trained you up? What was lacking? What do you wish they would have done in the area of discipleship and discipline?

What "Path" did your parents value the most (either overtly or subtly)? What Path do you believe the Proverbs would say is the one most valuable? Why?

What messages do parent(s) receive today about what are the most important things parent(s) should do?

What was your relationship to the "church" as a young person? In what way is it crucial to have both a parent and the church working in concert together to shape young people? How can you support that mission at Westwood?

Why is it crucial for a parent(s) to have the right goal/vision for parenting? What would aiming for Christlikeness do to our parenting or grandparenting?

What can we learn from Luke 2:52 about how Jesus grew and how children ought to grow?

How does the Rueben Hill parenting study affirm the wisdom of Proverbs 22?
(Authoritative Parents best combine love and discipline and produce children with high self-esteem and high coping skills as opposed to permissive, neglectful or authoritarian)

In what way could Proverbs 22 better inform your parenting or grandparenting?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in these passages?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?
How can we pray for each other?