



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | Parenting is about developing the player, not perfecting the playbook.

3 roles parents play:

GROUNDSKEEPER

- Lay the foundation and boundaries.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

²³ Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.

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Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

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COACHES

- Guide and encourage for life.

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

⁶ Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave it.

John 17:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?
2. Can you share a time when you learned an important life lesson from a parent, mentor, or coach? How did it shape you?
3. In what ways does parenting reflect God's relationship with His children? How do boundaries and discipline help rather than hinder growth? (Ephesians 6:1-4, Hebrews 12:5-11)
4. Pastor Bill and Carried mentioned that "parenting is a path, not a plan." How can this perspective help parents navigate challenges without feeling like failures?
5. How can you play a role in spiritually mentoring the next generation? (Proverbs 22:6)
6. What's a small but meaningful way we can encourage parents in our community who may be struggling with the pressures of raising children?
7. How do we help children and teens build a faith that lasts beyond parental influence?