

NOTES

REDEEMING REGRETS

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JOHN 13:36-38; 21:3-22

Introduction

1. Approach Parenting with _____

2. _____ Your Job

3. Recognize God's _____

4. Process Past _____

5. _____ Spiritual _____

6. Don't _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. What aspect(s) of parenting was your dad good at? What do you wish he'd been better at?
2. **Approach parenting with humility.** Read John 13:36-38. What do you think gave Peter the false confidence that he would stand by Jesus? Read Luke 22:31-34. What factor was Peter oblivious to that would lead to his failure?
3. What challenges with regard to parenting should leave moms and dads with an appropriate sense of humility? What factors might contribute to them having a false sense of confidence? Why do you think Scripture says that "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5)?
4. **Rein in your job.** Read Matthew 4:18-20 and John 21:1-3. Why do you think Peter went back to fishing after Jesus' resurrection? Why was that a bad idea?
5. What sorts of tensions does a job sometimes create for those who are also parents? Explain the "golden handcuffs" temptation that was described in the sermon. If you're a parent who also works a job, do you ever wrestle with this?
6. **Recognize God's parenting expertise.** Read John 21:4-11. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle? Why might a Christ-following mom or dad fail to keep in mind that God knows everything there is to know about parenting?
7. Read II Timothy 3:16, 17. How does Scripture, according to these verses, equip moms and dads to be better parents? List 3 parenting best practices that can be found in the Bible (extra credit if you know the chapter and verse for each).
8. **Process past failure.** Read John 21:15-17. What are the indications in this account (at least 3) that Jesus was trying to bring Peter's past failure (gently) into the open? Put yourself in Peter's sandals: What would you be thinking during this conversation with Jesus?
9. Why would it be a good idea to identify past parenting failures? (At least one reason can be found in I John 1:9.) What did Jesus say to Peter that might have taken the sting out of the confrontation?
10. If you're a mom or dad, what one or two things do you wish you'd done differently in parenting up to this point? Is there anything worth apologizing to your kids about?
11. **Provide spiritual nourishment.** What assignment does Jesus give Peter in each of the last lines of verses 15, 16, and 17? What is the food with which we're able to nourish others? Practically speaking (i.e. be specific), what are some ways in which parents could do this with their kids?
12. If you're a parent, how would you rate the job you're doing of feeding your kids God's Word? Explain. What next steps could you take to improve?
13. **Don't compare.** Read John 21:18-23. What were the possible downsides of Peter's preoccupation with John? In what ways do parents compare themselves with other parents? Why is that a bad idea? How could you avoid it?
14. What's your best personal application from this study?