# Project Hear Train Up A Child 03/14/20 Newport News Campus

# Opening

-what we are doing...

- Strict kids space protocols
- If you are sick, stay home
- Wisdom with contact
- Extra disinfecting
- Will follow guidelines given
- No plans at this point to scale back
- Be a voice of hope
- Offer to pray with people

-(this week when my message changed...)

### Recap

-<mark>I want the reflex of my heart to be one of obedience to God!</mark>

-<mark>rebellious – reluctant – reflexive</mark>

-(show the Shema diagram) (talk about this being a heart renovation)

-What can I do now to prepare my children for their own Shema journey later in life? Or, is there anything you should be doing now...YES!!!!!

# **Parenting Goals**

### -I want my children to be <u>happy</u>.

- Wise
- Proverbs 4:7
- Wisdom avoids the foolishness that robs us of our happiness!

# -<mark>I want my children to <u>like</u> me.</mark>

• Respect

- Ephesians 6:2
- If they respect you when they are young, they'll like you later!

### -<mark>I want my children to be <u>accepted</u>.</mark>

- Secure (family identity then identity in Christ)
- Psalm 139:13-14
- Self-acceptance not social-acceptance!

### -<mark>I want my children to be <u>successful</u>.</mark>

- faithful
- Luke 12:15
- Teach them to chase a calling! (material destiny)

# Train Up A Child

-Proverbs 22:6 (KJV vs. NLT)

- This isn't about returning, it's about staying!
- If your kids are older and you were lazy, ask for forgiveness.
- If your kids are older and you made honest mistakes, say sorry.

-Proverbs 29:18 (KJV vs. NLT)

- This is about Shema!
- Give your children a vision for a life submitted to divine guidance!

# -<mark>The culture of your home ultimately determines the condition of your</mark> <mark>child's heart.</mark>

### <mark>Mission or Me</mark>

-Philippians 2:3-4 (stop raising children who believe the right things but aren't becoming the right people!!!!!)

-A "Me" home is a place where these questions come first...

- 1. How does this benefit me?
- 2. Am I getting my way?
- 3. Is this what's best for me?
- 4. Is this convenient for me?

-A "Mission" home is place where these questions come first...

- **1. How can I help others?**
- 2. Is this the choice Jesus would make?
- 3. Am I serving everywhere until God reveals my somewhere?
- 4. Am I deferring to the preferences others?

-Matthew 20:28

-Ephesians 2:10...are you giving your children a vision for the mission that God has for them...that their greatest adventure is through divine guidance!

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#### Morality or Monasticism?

-We are going to cover this in greater detail in a couple weeks when we do Moral Conversion but just a few thoughts tonight...

-You are failing your children if you are only giving them prohibitive rules that restrict instead of Biblical values that direct.

-(annual parenting class)

-Biblical Value + Self Control = Moral Conduct

-1 Samuel 15:22

-Monasticism - starting in around year 300 for about 1500 years perpetuated a belief that spiritual growth comes primarily through suffering and sacrifice...

-Philippians 4:8-9

-When you inspire your children to do right things it will displace the desire to do wrong things.

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#### Matrimony or Membership?

-Isaiah 54:5

-2 Corinthians 11:2 (reference)

-Revelation 19:7-9 (reference)

-Are you teaching your children to be church members or are you teaching them to be the bride of Christ...matrimony or membership?

-Membership seeks... (Luke 17:7-10)

- Privileges
- Title
- Recognition
- Convenience
- Preferences
- Negotiation

-Matrimony seeks...

- His glory not our own
- His agenda not our own
- His people not our own
- His future not our own

-When we raise children who see themselves as the Bride of Christ instead of members of a church, they can't wait to walk down the isle to be with Him every weekend!!!

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#### Band

-1 Corinthians 11:1

-<mark>Spiritual maturity is your gateway to credibility when it comes to being</mark> a dominant influence in the lives of your children.

-Give your children an example to follow, not a list of rules by which to live.