



## Community Group Lesson Plan • Abbotsford

### Title of Sermon: Loving Discipline

Passage: Colossians 3:21 & Hebrews 12:5-11

#### Intro -

1. Do you agree that “submission” and “obedience” are more challenging than “love” and “not exasperating” (Col 3:18-21)? Why or why not?

#### Sermon Points -

1. Loving Discipline is about love. (Hebrews 12:5-6)
  - a. Do we believe that loving our kids means disciplining them? Why or why not?
    - i. How would our society answer that question? Why?
  - b. When do you tend to discipline out of selfishness rather than love? What’s the difference in practical terms (what does it look like)?
2. Loving Discipline is active. (Hebrews 12:7-8)
  - a. What factors make you passive in your discipline? Why don’t you always discipline your kids well?
  - b. What is one area you should be more engaged in as a parent? What barriers prevent you from addressing this?
3. Loving Discipline is focused on a long-term goal - holiness. (Hebrew 12:9-10)
  - a. What are your goals for your child(ren)?
    - i. Why is holiness so often not at the top of that list?
    - ii. What are the main competitors to it?
    - iii. Where do you need to pray for their holiness?
4. Loving Discipline must “hurt” in some way. (Hebrews 12:11)
  - a. Why is it that we are reticent to have discipline that hurts?
  - b. Do you find it difficult to apologize to your kids when you have failed them? Why or why not? What dangers are there of not apologizing?

#### Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.



**Benediction** - Psalm 127:3-5 ESV

*"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate."*