



## Community Group Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

### Title of Sermon: The Way They Should Go

Passage: Proverbs 22:6 NIV

#### Intro:

1. What are some of the "good" goals parents have for their kids? Why are they ultimately not great goals?

#### Point 1 - There is a right way to go.

**Takeaway:** There is only one right way to live - and his name is Jesus

**Biblical Ref:** John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1. Why do people have difficulty with the idea that there is only one right direction for our life? How does Romans 1:21-23 explain this?
2. Why do you think some people struggle with the idea that even babies are sinful?
3. What evidence do you see for the wayward nature of even a young child's heart?
4. How would you explain the Problem and the Solution for all of humanity to a non-believing friend?
5. How would you explain them to a 5 year old?
6. Why is clarity about these fundamental issues necessary to lead a child well?

#### Point 2 - Parents must lead the way

**Takeaway:** God is the one who gives the gift of faith, but as parents we can prepare a child's heart and lead the way to Jesus.

**Biblical Ref: Ephesians 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

1. Did you have parents that really lived the gospel? What impact did that have on your approach to faith in Jesus? **People can share their stories a bit.**
2. What comments or questions do you have about the 4 ways Matt shared to stack good wood and fuel the fire of a child's faith: **This can be an open time to talk practically about parenting issues and how these principles help parents focus on the gospel with their kids.**
  - a. Don't assume they believe
  - b. Fill your home with grace
  - c. Focus on the heart
  - d. Prepare them to suffer



3. How would you comfort a parent who's child doesn't seem to be following Jesus based on Ephesians 2:8-9? **Emphasize the sovereign hand of God in every person's salvation and that no one is too far gone for Jesus to save them.**

### **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 127:4-5 NIV

*"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court."*