

Icebreaker: Did you have a “fun” parent growing up? In your marriage, is one person the “fun” parent more so than the other? If you had a fun Uncle of parenting growing up, what did they do to earn that title?

Read Mark 10:13-16

1- The disciples thought that kids were an interruption, but Jesus knew they were important. How do you communicate to your kids that they are important and not just an interruption in your adult life?

2- Jesus made sure to engage kids on their level and met them where they were. How do you engage kids at the different levels of their life? Take a minute to share what age group your kids are in and how parents can successfully engage kids at that age level.

3- Take some time to make a list of how you can engage your kids on their level in these categories: daily, weekly, monthly, annually.

4- Jesus spoke well of the kids he encountered. What goes through your mind as you hear a parent that is constantly bad-mouthing and tearing down their kids, either to their face or behind their back to others parents? What do you think Jesus’ response would have been to that kind of conversation?

5- Why is it so much easier for parents to use our words to correct and reprimand instead of building up and encourage? What are ways that you can look for to affirm your kids? Share some specific examples.

6- Jesus blessed the kids that were with him. How are you blessing your kids on a routine basis (think beyond “food on the table and roof over their head”)? How can you use your words, your actions, and your encouragement to be a blessing in the life of your kids for years to come?

7– What are the top 3 actions steps you need to take this week to be more like Jesus in your parenting?