

*Don't
Miss
It*



MAY 13 & 14

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Introduction

This week, Pastor John kicks off a new series called *Don't Miss It*, which is an uncompromising series on parenting where we'll unapologetically speak to parents about raising kids. Many parents are overscheduled and stressed, constantly pulled to the most urgent nonessentials, because they do not have a parenting strategy. They've let someone or something else determine how they raise their children. Parents need to be intentional in developing a strategy to disciple their children with the few years they have with them at home.

Discussion

1. Share with the group one daily or weekly tradition that brought your family together when you were a child - a meal, bedtime stories, devotions, watching TV/movies together, etc. How have you implemented that kind of tradition/strategy in your own family? What are some barriers you see to keeping that kind of structured family tradition?
2. Write down any questions you have about making a parenting strategy. Choose the top two questions or concerns you have about creating a strategy, and discuss them with your group or a trusted friend.
3. **Read Matthew 28:19-20.** What does it look like to "make disciples" of our children?

Think About It

"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace." 1 Corinthians 14:33

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is the gift of order-being intentional-with our time, money and relationships. Creating a parenting strategy is part of creating order and bringing peace to our family. It actually strengthens our testimony to others. Everyone is looking for order in their lives; when we display intentionality, we are pointing our children toward the Creator who ordered the entire universe.

Do Something

1. Spend some quiet time this week reading the Bible, and praying through some of the struggles you shared in the discussion questions above. Journal what God is revealing to you, and share it next week with your group or a trusted friend.
2. If you are a parent with children at home and have a spouse, set aside some time this week to discuss some of the big issues that might stand in the way of creating a parenting strategy. Take some steps this week to open space in your lives for needed changes.
3. Parenting wisdom comes from God's Word and God's people. If you or a close friend/family member are having real struggles with parenting, find a Bible study, small group, counselor or pastor to help walk you through the parenting strategy process.