**Passionate Parenting Discussion Guide**

This morning we talked about passionate parenting. The goal of parenting is for our children to grow up to be independent of us but totally dependent on God. God has a plan for the home, and this involves leading our children to know and grow in Jesus Christ.

First, we as parents must know Jesus personally as our Lord and Savior. In addition, we need to give ourselves totally to Jesus. Our children need to see us fall deeper in love with Christ every day. They need to see us spend time in his word and obey Him in our lives. Our children need to see us not as perfect people, but as people sincerely loving the Lord and living for him every day.

We need to teach our children about God. There needs to be planned, structured, intentional teaching about God in our homes. Also, we need to talk about Jesus in our normal, everyday conversation. As we know Jesus, love Jesus, and grow in Jesus, He is just part of the normal conversation, part of everyday life.

**Key Passage: Deuteronomy 4:6-9**

**Discussion Questions:**

* Fathers, in your role as spiritual leader of your home, what are some ways you can make sure your children know and grow in Christ?
* Parents, how can you make sure your children hear and see Jesus and His word lived out in the everyday life of your family?
* If you do not have children, how might God be calling you to impact the children God has placed in your sphere of influence?

**Prayer Focus:**

Focus on God’s call on your life as a parent, leading your children to know and grow in Jesus Christ. Admit that as a parent, you are not perfect and are in need of Jesus’ power and perfection in your life. Submit to Christ and ask for His grace to lead your children.

**Next Steps**

1. Parents commit to having a family Bible study every night this week. Begin this week with the intent of making this a permanent commitment.
2. Think of specific areas where you need to live out your faith in front of your children and put it into practice.
3. If you do not have children, is God calling you to serve in some capacity in ministry? If so, what?