

# Parenting as Christ's Ambassadors

Infancy & Childhood (0-12)

The Role of the Church and Children's Ministry

Adult Training Seminar Session Eight – Jeremy Jackson 3-25-18

**Our Goal: To convince you that the Lord Jesus is your all-sufficient shepherd in commissioning you as His ambassador to your children so that you will faithfully fulfill your lifelong parental ministry for Christ's glory**

## 1. The Foundational Calls to Parent – Are you living out what you have been called to do?

James 1:22 - *But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

- God's Purpose for The Family – What are your goals as a parent?
- The Task/Ministry of Parents – A Vision for Discipleship and Imparting a Christian Worldview
- God's Design for Children – Obedience and Honoring Parents & All Authorities
- Addressing the Heart of Your Child & Trusting God to Regenerate
- Discipline – An expression of love requiring perseverance and courage
- Teaching Boys Biblical Masculinity – Lead, Protect, Provide & Sex Education
- Teaching Girls Biblical Femininity & Domestic Skills
  - Key Texts
    - Ephesians 6:1-4
    - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
    - Proverbs
  - Sessions available online: <http://www.cbcvallejo.org/ats/resources/parenting2018/>

## 2. Practically Applied Parenting 0-12 Year Olds at Home

*See chart on next page*

Note: Counsel vs. Biblical Authoritative Declaration

“My friends, what I suggest to you is greatly needed. You will see many in this day who allow their children to choose and think for themselves long before they are able, and even make excuses for their disobedience, as if they were not to be blamed for it. In my eyes, a parent who is always yielding, and a child who always has its own way, are a most painful sight—painful, because I see God's appointed order of things inverted and turned upside down—painful, because I feel sure the consequence to that child's character in the end will be self-will, pride, and conceit. Is it any wonder that men refuse to obey their Father who is in heaven, if you allow them, when children, to disobey their father who is on earth.” – J.C. Ryle *The Duties of Parents*

### **3. Practically Applied Parenting 0-12 Year Olds at Church**

- **We are on the same team**
- **We provide resources for your benefit**
- **We provide a balance between age segregation and multi-generational worship**

#### **Resources:**

##### **Audio for Children:**

<http://grcbible.org/category/audio/other-audio/audio-for-children/>

##### **Books for Children**

Kay Arthur – How to Study Your Bible for Kids

Kay Arthur – Lord, Teach Me to Pray for Kids

YWAM Missionary biographies