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Four Practical Ways to Disciple our Kids!

Tonight's Guest Speaker: Pastor Edgar Santos, NextGen/Children's Pastor

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Welcome to BCA Parent Connect

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FOUR PRACTICAL WAYS TO DISCIPLE OUR KIDS

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Our purpose as a parent is clearly defined in the Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.



Discipleship happens when we as parents are...

- Showing loving to them
- Praying for them
- Intentional about spending time with them
- Diving into God's Word with them



JEREMIAH 31:33

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”



DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.



**We are not called to perfect
parents, but we are called to be
purposeful parents.**



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Showing our children love is not only how they learn to love others, but it's the first way we can begin to allow God to write His love on their hearts.

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**Modeling love is much better
than just talking about it**

1. Love



JOHN 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

1. Love



**We cannot expect our kids to love,
if we don't model it in their lives.**

1. Love



Put it into practice:

- ❑ Discover their love language (words of affirmation, act of service, physical touch, gifts, quality time)
- ❑ Ask them what love means to them and discuss God's definition of love.
- ❑ Model it (they're watching).

1. Love



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2. **Pray** with our kids



**As parents, we must teach
our children to pray.
After all, if we don't, who will?**

1. Pray



How should we teach our kids to pray?

(Answer: Look to Jesus)

2. Pray



Jesus showed us...
how to pray,
not what to pray

2. Pray

MATTHEW 6:9-13

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME: God is worthy of praise

YOUR KINGDOM COME: For heaven to invade our everyday life

YOUR WILL BE DONE: Surrender to the will of god

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD: Spiritual nourishment from God's word

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS: Acknowledgment that we've done wrong

AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS: Reflect on how we should forgive

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION: Give us discernment not to sin

DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE: Rescue us from the times we do fall

2. Pray

FIVE FINGER PRAYERS



HELLO

SORRY

THANKS

YES?

PLEASE

1. **Hello!** We can start our prayer by greeting God and telling God, "You're amazing!" (Praise). By doing that we recognize who we're talking to .
2. **Sorry.** It's good to admit when we've made a mistake. Tell God we know we messed up and we don't want to do it again.
3. **Thank you.** Say to God, "You've done so much for me," and remember all the things God has given you.
4. **Yes?** Pause and hear what God has to say, too. Tell God, "I'm listening."
5. **Please.** Always remember to ask God for help with whatever you need in your life. Pray for your family, friends, neighbors, the world – tell God everything!

2. Pray

Reminder:

It's important to let our kids know that we don't always get the answers we want when we pray.

2. Prayer



Put it into practice:

- ❑ Engage in prayer for and with your kids today.
- ❑ Ask them what they'd like to talk to God about.
- ❑ Join them in going to the Lord with whatever is on their heart (let them pray).

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2. **Pray** with our kids
3. **Connect** with our kids



If we are not intentional about connecting with our kids, we will miss those heart-to-heart moments they need.

3. Connect



Do your kids know you care?

(I mean, do they really know?)

Or do they think that you're....

Indifferent?

Unreliable?

Disengaged?

Uninterested?

3. Connect



If we are not intentional with our children, they'll find connection somewhere else.

3. Connect



Put it into practice:

- Ask your kids about their favorite thing to do with you. (It might surprise you)
- Be sensitive to moments you can connect with them (Be available).
- Be intentional: (it requires active engagement on your part)

3. Connect



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2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17

How from infancy you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of god may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4. Engage God's Word



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“Bible engagement is the most critical discipline you can have as a believer. It is most important because it impacts every other discipline in the life of a disciple.”

4. Engage God's Word



**Engagement (not just reading)
takes information from the
page and applies it to their
everyday lives.**

4. Engage God's Word



Put it into practice:

- Take time today to ask your kids what they think about the Bible and what it means to them
- Get them a Bible!
age-appropriate, translation, non-electronic
- Daily devotions (apps, books)
- Games

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BONUS

5. **Rest!**



Why Rest? Because God said so.

EXODUS 20:8-10

“Remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter

Bonus: Rest



**When's the last time you
were truly still?
What about your kids?**

Bonus: Rest



Put it into practice:

- Ask your kids what they find restful (you might be surprised).
- Plan a time of rest this week for the whole family.
- Get away from distractions.

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