

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Middle-High School

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LESSON: Proactive Parenting

INTRO

This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal is to help them transition toward being adults, but most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what we're learning on Sundays to their lives.

- **Ice Breakers:**
 - *Students Answer:* What do you think the most difficult part of being a parent is for your parents?
 - *Parents Answer:* What is the best part of being a parent to your kids?
- **Sermon Discussion:**
 - What is something that stood out to you from this sermon?
 - **Read Ephesians 6:1.** How well do you think you do when it comes to "obeying your parents"?
 - Do you think this might have an effect on your parents?
 - **Read Ephesians 6:4.** What does the Bible say about the primary purpose of parenting?
- **Parent Share:** Are any of the opposing visions for parenting (trophy, convenience, best friend, happiness, blank slate) especially tempting to you?
 - What are some practical steps you can take and rhythms you can add to help you work together as a family to remind each other that the purpose of parenting is to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."(Ephesians 4:6)?

