

Group Life

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Multi-Generational, Godfrey & Rhea Ortiz

- Sundays at 4:30pm

Couples & Singles, Keith & Jill Michaelis

- Sundays at 4:30pm

Multi-Generational, Ed & Janis Nelson

- Week of October 12th (TBA)

Young Couples (some with kids) Jared & Claudia Chambliss

- Tuesdays at 7:00pm

The Armor of God (Men), David Sass

- Tuesdays beginning September 9th, 7:00pm

Moms & Nuggets,

- Wednesdays at 11:00, Chick-Fil-A (Mason)

On the Run- Join us for a 3 to 5 mile easy run and conversation.

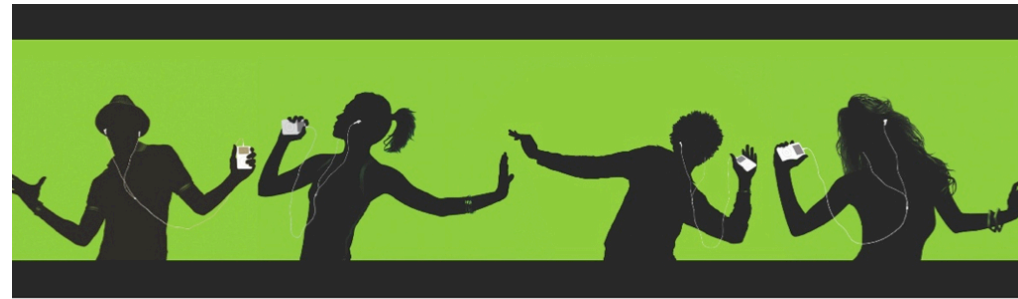
- Saturdays at 7:30am.

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“iLead: As a Parent” (Part 1)

Eph. 6:1-4

Sunday October 5, 2008

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God's primary purpose in marriage is synonymous with that of the church, to reflect who He is to the world.

God's secondary purpose in marriage is for the discipleship of children.

The Background of Ephesians 6:1-4:

We have to start with "*be filled with the Spirit*" (5:18)

What does that mean?

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Sanctification ("*being imitators of God*" 5:1)
- Glorification

Biblical parenting is a vital part of how we are to be "*filled with the Spirit*" and "*imitators of God.*"

Ephesians 6:1-4

Biblical parenting is counter-cultural.

Our culture says, "A boy for me and a girl for you, praise the Lord we are finally through."

What does the Bible say?

- Genesis 1:27-28
- Genesis 9:1-2
- Genesis 35:10-11

This is how you worship me! Deuteronomy 5:6-21

If you want to be my people in a pagan land then you (plural) must multiply yourselves. (OT Message)

Problem:

Between 70-88% of Christian teens are leaving the church by their second year in college (based on two studies done in 2001 & 2002).

Reason:

Biblical parenting has been traded in for selfishness.

Solution:

"Marriage is for making children... disciples" - J.P.

3 Thoughts for Application:

1. God desires for worshipers to be abundant!
2. Fathers have a unique and significant responsibility! (6:4)
3. Parenting is a team sport! (6:1)

Reflection:

1. What are your honest feelings about children?
2. Does your marriage make children disciples?
3. How can you open yourself to this God given challenge?