

## **Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon**

*(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)*

### **Wisdom on What Not to Do II – February 24, 2013**

- I. **Getting to know you** ~ *Questions for Group Discussion:*
  - a. If you could go back in time, what year would you visit? Why?
  - b. If you could play any instrument, what would you choose? Why?
  - c. If you could switch responsibilities with your boss, would you do it? Why / why not?
  
- II. **Getting into the Bible** ~ *Points from Sunday's Message:*
  - a. Some Key Verses from Sunday's Message: **Wisdom On What Not To Do - 2**
    - i. **Do not despise the Lord's discipline.**
      1. ***Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.***
      2. ***Hebrews 12: 4-12***
  
    - ii. **Do not withhold discipline from your children.**
      1. ***23:13-14 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish them with the rod, they will not die. Punish them with the rod and save them from death.***
      2. ***13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.***
  
  - b. Some key points from Sunday's message:
    - i. Discipline from the Lord... & Parental discipline communicates:
      1. You belong
      2. You are beloved
      3. You are being brought up (toward maturity / Christ-likeness)
  
- III. **Getting into Life:**
  - a. Hardships (Hebrews 12:7), trials (James 1:2-3,12) and various kinds of grief (1 Peter 1:3-7) are all understood as discipline from the Lord. How does this inform a Christian's thinking concerning the realities of life in a fallen world?
  
  - b. Who was the real disciplinarian in the home you grew up in?  
Growing up, what discipline did you respect? ...what discipline did you despise? What influence did discipline (or the lack thereof) have upon your life?
  
  - c. What is God's end goal for disciplining His children? What is the end goal of parental discipline? How does this influence your response to God? How does this influence your response to raising children?
  
  - d. How is parental discipline a short-term stewardship? How does this reality influence your present life as a parent? ...as a child?