

## GO DEEPER

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**Pray** the Lord's Prayer together or individually to begin the time (Mtt 6:9-13).

**Share** with the group: What was the most recent gift you received that was really great? Who was it from? What made it so great?

### **Read Matthew 7:9-11**

How do you feel about Jesus calling us wicked/evil? Why does he do it?  
Should we trust our ability to discern between good and bad? Why/not?  
How do we know the difference between good and bad gifts?  
Can we trust God to give us good gifts? Why/why not?

**Discuss** what Pastor Adam said about health being more important than happiness. Do you agree? Why/why not?

Are these two things always in tension? Explain  
Where do you see our culture promoting happiness over health?

Pastor Adam named 3 "gifts" that hurt kids. 1. Things they don't deserve; 2. Praise they didn't earn; 3. Freedom they can't handle.

Why is it tempting to give these "gifts" to kids?  
What is so damaging about each of them?  
Can you think of Bible stories/passages that demonstrate this?

### **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (the Sh'ma)**

Why is it significant that this is addressed to a people, and that every "you" in the passage is plural (you all)?  
Why do kids need a real place in the community of faith?  
How do we make sure they experience belonging to the Church?  
Should we set high standards for our kids? Why/why not?  
How do we combine raising the bar with living from grace and love?  
What does it practically look like to impress God's word on our kids?  
How can we grow in modeling our own faith?

**Consider** how you can practically bless parents in our church and support them as they disciple their children. Who can you bless? How will you bless them? What child/youth will you specifically invest in?

**Close** your time in prayer.

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