

The Church's Heart for Children
Genesis 3
July 4, 2021

I. A Heart to Meet Them Where They Are (V. 1-12)

A. A heart of acceptance (v. 1-8):

- i. I _____ you as you are.
- ii. You do not need to _____ who you are from me.
- iii. What you have done cannot _____ my love for you.

B. A heart of compassion (v. 9-11):

- i. Make it clear that you want to know _____ going on from their perspective.

C. A heart that listens (v. 12-13):

- i. Listen to _____ relationship.

II. A Heart to Encourage Them in the Truth (V. 14-19)

A. A heart to share God's word:

- i. _____ the Word of God.
- ii. God will take _____ of you.

III. A Heart to Entrust Them to God (V. 20-24)

A. A heart that lets go and lets God:

- i. God is _____.
- ii. All that God does is _____.
- iii. God can cause all things to work together for our _____.

IV. A Final Word of Exhortation

A. God wants us to have a heart for the children.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 3.
2. God called Adam by name. Name a youth in your sphere of influence that you could encourage in the Lord.
3. Where do you need to go (physically, philosophically or in practice) to reach out to children (“youth”)? Are you “willing” to do something different to encourage youth in the Lord? Pray and ask God to show you the student(s) and the thing to do if you do not know who or what.
4. What makes it hard for you to listen to learn from the children in relationship building?
5. How has God used a child to teach you or show you something?
6. To entrust the children to God is not a passive thing. How do you actively entrust the children to God?
7. Did you see anything in these verses that spoke to you and wasn't highlighted regarding the heart God wants the church to have for the children? Please share; we need one another.
8. Pray for our church, that God would continue to bless us with qualified pastoral leadership. Consider attending today's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 1 Corinthians 4-5

July Memory Verses: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,
2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21. Register with your name and email address. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

Praying for our youth that God would use the upcoming youth camp, July 8-11, to draw them to Himself.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those with anxiety, employment, or health issues because of COVID
- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
 - Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. as they are back on the mission field.
 - Jules S. will be heading to the mission field by the end of July. Praise the Lord!
- Vacation Bible School and Children's Camp: for all that was taught and learned to be remembered and applied
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Don R. (wife, Brenda, and brother), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal), Tom M. (mom), Nataleen W. (brother)
- Those struggling with on-going health and emotional issues:
Mary R. (possible dialysis; on-going hope for a kidney transplant), Harry and Pam D. (Harry's health and Pam's ongoing care-giving needs), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Phyllis W. (adjusting to assisted living), Sami W. (eye issues), Kathy W. (digestion issues), Mary C. (additional cancer issues), Korrena C. (stroke issues and heart issues)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair), Ann W. (gallbladder removal)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Debbie P. (on-going therapy at home)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Reginald G., Donna
- Others that you are aware of