

Parenting & The Gospel¹

Parenting is tough. It is tough in any age, but ours seems especially tough: Easy access to who knows what. Confusion. A lack of good role models. This in addition to the timeless parenting challenges of chores, homework and bedtime. Parenting is tough. But as Christians we believe certain things about God and what He has done for us. And what we believe about God informs everything we do- including parenting. During this semester of Education and Formation, we will consider how the gospel impacts our parenting- not just in theory, but in the real practical, nitty-gritty of parenting. This class will be facilitated by Darren Dick and Amy Lehman.

Session 1: Calling: *Nothing is more important in your life than being one of God's tools to form a human soul.*

Session 2: Identity: *If you are not resting as a parent in your identity in Christ, you will look for identity in your children.*

Session 3: Authority: *One of the foundational heart issues in the life of every child is authority. Teaching and modeling the protective beauty of authority is one of the foundations of good parenting.*

Session 4: False Gods: *You are parenting a worshipper, so it's important to remember that what rules your child's heart will control his behavior.*

Session 5: Course Conclusion

¹ This class is based on *Parenting. 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp. You may find it helpful to purchase this resource.