



# CONNECT GROUP NOTES

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Raising Spiritual Sons and  
Daughter

## FOR THE FACILITATOR

Encourage the group to take turns reading and answering questions. It is best to ask the questions as they appear instead of waiting till the end

**TOPIC : Raising Spiritual Sons and Daughters**

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## TIME TO PONDER:

As believers we are called to be fruitful. We do this by multiplying ourselves by making

disciples. The most effective way to do this is through raising spiritual sons and daughters. Those who have caught our heart and passion for the Kingdom of God. This is not for our own achievement or satisfaction but should be solely for the Kingdom to bring glory to the Father

*John 15:8*

*8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

We bear fruit by being true disciples and discipling others. We can only give what we ourselves have received and like a father who wants to give his children all that he can, we too in the Kingdom must seek to pass on that

which we have to our disciples by raising them as spiritual sons and daughters.

## **What is required to raise Spiritual Sons and daughters?**

1. Raising spiritual sons and daughters requires Faith. We need to look to our heavenly Father, the author and perfecter of our faith. If he has been faithful to bring us through, then we can trust that He is faithful to bring those we disciple through. We can have faith because our God is faithful. That is who He is.

*2 Timothy 2:11-13*

*11 Here is a trustworthy saying:*

*If we died with him, we will also live with him;*

*12 If we endure, we will also reign with him.*

*If we disown him, he will also disown us;*

*13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful,*

*for he cannot disown himself.*

2. Believe in them by helping them find their gospel potential . We do this by trusting them and delegating authority to them. Allowing them a safe place to step out in faith.

3. Help them to find healing. Sometimes we can see more clearly what God has for someone else. We need to help them see beyond previous experience, to what God

can do in and through them if they avail themselves fully to him.

4. Love them - We need to love them into a place of security. Where no matter if they fail or succeed they know they are loved. That love is unconditional. When they feel that, they will not be afraid to risk for the Kingdom of God but will be secure and step into what they are called to do.
5. Release them to impact the nations.  
Lastly we cannot hold onto our spiritual children either, we have to release them to go further than we can. To do, and to be, all that God has created them to be.

## *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

We don't have to do this alone. God will equip you to achieve all he wills.

**Question1: Of these five points which do you find the most difficult to do with those you are called to disciple?**

## TIME TO REFLECT:

When one is adequately parented, it enables you to set your course and pursue it.

Great parents leave a great legacy.

Jn15:5 tells us we are to bear much fruit by remaining in the vine. The best way to bear much fruit is to disciple those whom God has given us by raising them as spiritual sons and daughters.

**How do we become Spiritual parents who leave a great legacy for the Kingdom of God?**

- Walk the talk.

*Hebrews 13:7*

*7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.*

Your actions will produce the fruit in your children's lives. What you see is what you get. No masks. You don't have to be perfect, but be honest with your shortcomings. Walk your walk. Be who God created you to be.

**Question 2: If you have children or spiritual children, are there fruits in their lives that you can see are a result of them imitating your faith? Good or bad?**

If we read Hebrews 11 we can see how God can turn weaknesses into strength because of their faith. He can do the

same for us if we believe. Our children need us to be honest, be real and be ourselves. Then they will have the freedom to do the same and be all that God created them to be.

- Be intentional in loving them.

### *Galatians 5:6*

*6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*

Faith expresses itself in love. Real love costs, anything of value costs. It's a choice to love people. This love we are talking about is no ordinary love. It's

unconditional love, God's “agape” love. This love is able to cover over a multiple of sins. As you love, your capacity to love grows. Love unlocks people's potential.

- Believe in them and validate them.

*John 3:17*

*17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

God declared his unconditional love for us by sending Jesus to die for us. If our Father in heaven believes enough in our potential that He was willing to send his son to die for us. Then we too need to believe in those God has sent us to

parent. We all need someone who believes in us.

- Allow them to fail.

We need to create enough of a safe place for them to risk and even to fail. Often we learn more through our failures than successes. Failures overcome breed humility, determination and endurance.

- Allow them to be themselves

We need to realise that we are all created differently with unique gifts, designed for what we alone are called to do. We don't want mini versions of ourselves, we want sons and daughters growing into their own unique callings. Don't let them fall prey to the expectations of the world to

conform or fall into the trap of comparison.

- They need to know we trust them. We do this by handing over responsibility to them.

### *Acts 6:3*

*3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them*

When we hand over responsibility with authority. It shows we trust them. Start with small things. When they are faithful with the little then we can hand over more responsibility.

- Encourage, correct and rebuke.

### *2 Timothy 4:2*

*2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.*

We do this with their future in mind. Let it be said of us that we have withheld nothing from them that would benefit them.

- Have fun together.

We need to enjoy the journey together. Create memories, do fun things together.

## **TIME TO DISCUSS:**

**Question 3: Can you identify people in your life that you should be actively discipling / parenting?**

**Question 4: When was the last time you were corrected or rebuked? If not, have you made yourself accountable to someone that can disciple you?**

Parenting is about discipling. Be intentional with doing it.

## **ACTION STEP**

Pick two of the practical how-to steps that you are weakest in. Write them down. Then seek God for strategy on how you can actively start doing those two steps in the week.

For example if you have become too serious with your disciples, plan a fun activity to build relationships and have fun.

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