

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 23, 2015

Parenting and the Importance of the Local Church

Why would the local church be so important in the Christian parenting process?

1. The local church provides parents with the opportunity to demonstrate the genuineness of their faith (John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-11).

2. The local church provides parents with the opportunity to be exposed and to expose their children to additional bible teaching and to a much broader spectrum of spiritual gifts.

Parents are to be teaching their children, but they should not be the only ones teaching their children (Romans 12:3-8).

Parents have spiritual gifts, but they don't have all the gifts (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11-12; cf. Ephesians 4:15-16).

3. The local church, through its leaders, provides spiritual care and oversight to the parents as they seek to bring spiritual care to their children (Hebrews 13:17).

4. The local church provides positive peer pressure that can benefit both the parents and their children (Hebrews 10:24-25).

May God give us the grace to understand the importance of the local church in the parenting process and also the grace to take full advantage of what we have to offer.