



## **PART 4: TedTalk Sunday (Laurie Curtis, Justin Halleck, Sean Seay)**

### **Introduction**

Parenting is difficult no matter the stage of a child's life. In preschool, parenting can be a very physical and emotional task that leaves parents feeling perpetually tired and run down. In elementary school, it becomes increasingly important for parents to begin having discussions about tough subjects like faith, finances, and sex. Finally, as a child enters their teenage years, the focus turns to how to prepare them for adulthood and how we can teach them to continually move toward God regardless of their future circumstances.

### **Changing Your Mind**

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."*

- Proverbs 22:6

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Do you currently have margin in your life? If yes, why do you feel that margin is important to your family? If not, how can you make space for margin?
2. Share a story about when you received advice on one of the three big topics (faith, finances, and sex) from your parents. How did it go? Would you handle that situation differently?
3. What holds you back from being honest and transparent with your children when it comes to these three topics?
4. How can you prioritize and automate these topics into your family's life? Share one practical way you could do this.
5. How can you teach your children that the local church is important to their faith? How can you set the tone?

*Leader Tip: Refer to Sean's 3 tips for parents (show up often, connect with their small group leaders, and attend events).*

### **Moving Forward**

As we wrap up *Helping the Next Gen Win*, it is clear that no matter whether you have your own children or not, there is something everyone can do to help those coming behind them. However, parents have a special responsibility to start early and make an intentional effort to prepare them for what's ahead. In turn, their children will be equipped and encouraged to do the same for the Next Gen behind them.