



Active Not Passive - Brian Steenhoek

Mary and Joseph engaged with Jesus' growth and faith development (even though he was God's son!) Parents and future parents (and grandparents) can partner with God in the growth and development of our kids' faith through intentional family faith traditions.

Icebreaker:

- At what time of the day do you feel your best?
- How have you honored your parents?

Small Group Questions:

- Do you remember any faith 'traditions' in your family growing up? Were those positive or negative memories? What made them so?
- What practices or experiences have been most impactful to you on your faith journey?
- In your current/future family what are some practices you believe are important to foster faith development and character building in you and the next generation? Is there something different/new you would like to begin?
- In what ways can our influence/good intentions as parents be seen as control? And what ways can we positively influence and love the 'next generation' in the family of God?
- What is a parenting fail you remember? What role does grace play in faith development? Who might you need to forgive--yourself, your family??

Engage the Bible: Luke 2:22-40 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - Read and discuss as a group.