

**Community Group Outline**  
**Real Parenting**  
**June 16 - 22, 2019**

**Warm-up:** If you are a parent, share a happy or humorous memory of one of your children or grandchildren with your group. If you are not a parent, describe something fun or cool you'd like to do with a child or grandchild if you had one.

**Prayer:** Pray together, "Father, please give us a clear understanding and appreciation of You as our ultimate parent. Let this awareness cause us who are parents to consider any changes we might make to parent in ways that would most honor You. Give us the desire to pursue Jesus more intently. As we do, may our children and grandchildren be led to follow Him by our examples and instruction. We trust You for all the results. In Jesus Name. Amen.

**Study and Discuss:** Read the following verses together: Deuteronomy 6: 5-7 and 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7.

- 1) How do you love God with all your heart, soul and strength?
- 2) Why is loving God in this way foundational for great parenting?
- 3) Why is it critical that you have God's principles for parenting in your heart?
- 4) According to Deuteronomy 6:7, impressing God's ways on your children is to be done at home, outside the home and morning, noon and night. Why and how do you do that?
- 5) 1 Corinthians 13 says love is many things (and we know God is love so He is all these things too.). Among them are patience, kindness, selflessness, humility, protectiveness, trusting, hoping and persevering. Take turns describing how you express love in one or more of these ways in parenting or grandparenting.

**Apply:** Look at question #5 above again. What changes would you make in any of these ways to love like God loves you in your role as a parent or grandparent?

**Prayer:** Go around the group and ask for specific ways you can pray for each other to be more effective as a parent or grandparent that would be more honoring to God and His desire for us.