



GROW. PRAY. SERVE.

**SERIES: Relationships—Gaining Traction in Our Relationships**

*Message: "I'm Getting Parentnoid"*

**PRAYER:** God, for our parents through whom you have given us life, we give you praise. For all of our children, by birth and by association, we pray now your blessing. Make us who you want us to be. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**ICEBREAKER:** Share two great memories you have from your childhood with the group.

**INTRODUCTION:** Being a parent can stir up a lot of fear because we have both internal and external challenges, but God assures us that as we are faithful and continue to trust in Him, He is more than able to take care of our children and guide them to the place of destiny.

**GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What are some hats that parents wear that were mentioned in the sermon? On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your relationship with each of your kids? In what direction is your relationship with each of your kids trending? Which hat is most natural for you to wear? Which hat makes you feel the most uncomfortable?
2. What were some of the strengths and weaknesses your parents showed in the three areas of setting boundaries, enforcing boundaries, and casting vision? In what ways is it easy for you to identify with the parent in Proverbs 5:1-20? In what ways is it more difficult? What kind of boundaries does this parent set in verse 8? What are some things the parent in Proverbs 8 could do to enforce those boundaries? How does this parent cast vision in verses 15-19? What are some boundaries with which you see parents struggling? What do you think is the hardest thing about setting boundaries? What is one boundary that needs to be set up or clarified for your children?
3. What is one valuable or helpful thing you have learned so far in your parenting about enforcing boundaries, or discipline? What is one boundary that needs to be more thoughtfully or consistently enforced in your family? What was the best experience you ever had as a family contributing to God's kingdom?

**CHALLENGE:** What are some ways that as a family you could contribute to God's kingdom in the future? What is one way your family can contribute as a family to God's kingdom in 2010?

**CHAMPION TIP:** Take time to pray for each group member and their children or children that they influence and whose lives they touch.