

## **Small Group Questions: Raising Successful Children**

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### **Read**

Psalms 112:1-4; Psalms 112:6; Proverbs 13:20; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

### **Reflect**

This Father's Day, we recognize that no matter the relationship we have with our earthly fathers, we have a Father in Heaven who loves us and who has given us the power of influence for the next generation. How we leverage that influence will determine the outcome of their lives and how they will be known. When we raise our children to be Christ-centered, Psalm 112 says they will be a light in the darkness and long remembered for their generosity and kindness.

Pastor Josh Surratt highlights three ways we can leverage the influence we have on the next generation:

#### **1. Redefine success.**

- a. Why is being a Christ-centered child more important than being a well-rounded one?
- b. What challenges are faced by youth today? Discuss their issues and prayers for them.
- c. Read and discuss Psalms 112:2. How can we impact children?

#### **2. Manage their exposure.**

- a. How can you expose a child to the joy of Jesus?
- b. Discuss why church is "who we are" not "where we go."
- c. How can you support parents and families during the trials of raising children?

#### **3. Give them something to shoot for.**

- a. Your actions reflect how you influence others. What Bible verse reflects what you stand for?
- b. How can you bring the joy and kindness of knowing Christ into your conversations about doing the right things each day?

**Respond:** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?