

UNRAVELING

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LIFEGROUPS

Series: Student Takeover

Bible Focus: Proverbs 22:6

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—[LET'S TALK]—

- What was one of your favorite books or movies when you were in grade school?

—[CHOOSE 1 SIDE]—

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- What does it mean to be a role model?
When does one qualify as a role model?
- Who has been one of your greatest role models?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- How do people generally tend to view God's commands and laws? Why?
- How has God's way of life blessed you in your life? How has it been difficult?

—[LET'S DIG]—

- Read Philippians 3:1-17 and discuss being an example for others.
 1. Does being an example require being perfect? What does it require?
 2. Where does our confidence in being an example come from?
 3. Why is it important to set an example for others to follow?
 4. What does it mean to be "mature" as Paul uses it in verse 15?

—[LET'S DIG]—

- Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12 and discuss teaching the next generation.
 1. Why did God ask His people to learn His commands? How are we to teach?
 2. How does teaching children about God's commands make a difference?
 3. What happens in a child's life when he or she truly takes to heart verses 4 and 5?
 4. What should the balance be between parents, schools, and the church teaching children?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Consider making an impact on students' and children's lives. Maybe you are an empty nester, or you're single, or you don't have kids—those don't have to be barriers to God using you in the lives of students and children! If you'd like to make a difference in a child's life, try volunteering in the Children's Ministry, 5th & 6th Grade Ministry, Jr. High, or Sr. High!
 - Email lifegroups@wooddale.org if you want to get involved. We'll connect you!



—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- Extra scriptures referenced: [Deut 6:4-7] - [Eph 6:4]
- We are stronger and better when generations are together.
- We have a proverb (not a promise) from God that tells us if we train children to live well, that’s how they’ll live when they’re older. As a proverb, this is generally, though not necessarily always true.
- The proverb is a great guideline, but as we pour into the younger generation, every student and child needs to know these promises from God:
 1. God promised that His love will never fail (1 Chronicles 16:34).
 2. God promised salvation to all who believe in His Son (Romans 1:16–17).
 3. God promised new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 4. God promised peace when we pray (Philippians 4:6–7).
 5. Jesus promised eternal life to those who trust Him (John 4:14).
 6. Jesus promised His disciples power (Acts 1:8).
 7. Jesus promised that He will return for us (John 14:2–3).
- To “train a child up,” really means to “initiate” them into a way of life—particularly God’s way.
- Training has great variety in expression. Children learn differently, and adults teach differently.
- Remember, training is not a one time talk; it’s an ongoing conversation over time.
- Actions speak louder than words, so it is most important that we model for children not a perfect Christian lifestyle, but an authentic Christian lifestyle.
- Parents can still work in their grown children’s lives (even if their child has strayed from God) to show them an authentic Christian lifestyle.

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