

PARENTING: ONE PAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

*This page offers questions for the entire book. It is meant to be used during a one-time book discussion.
Discuss the questions that seem to resonate with you the most.*

1. In his Introduction, Tripp suggests we can approach parenting in two ways. What are they, and how do the two parenting styles differ?
2. What is the most important thing that a child could ever learn about? Why is this lesson so important, and what lessons compete with this primary lesson in your home?
3. In Chapter 2, what is the silent but deadly problem that afflicts so many Christian parents? Discuss how you experience this problem in your own life.
4. Discuss the Gospel Principle of Inability?
5. In our human wisdom, what are the three parenting tools used most often? Can you give any real-life examples of how you have used these tools?
6. How did Chapter 5 re-shape your understanding of identity?
7. What are the three things Tripp mentions about trying to get our identity from our children, and how have you seen this at work in your life?
8. What character qualities are required for process parenting? How do we acquire these qualities? Which process parenting qualities do you personally long for and why? Which qualities have you already begun to nurture in your life?
9. What do we learn about being lost from the parable of the lost son, and how does this help us understand our job description as parents?
10. What are two big lies every lost child believes, and how might you speak truth into these lies?
11. Why is authority an important heart issue for every child? How was this an important aspect in your upbringing (for better or for worse)?
12. What picture of God's authority are you giving your children by the way you exercise yours?
13. Discuss what must accompany discipline and what is necessary for lasting heart change?
14. Tripp gives us four words to help us parent fools. What are they and how do we apply them?
15. There is a daily battle being waged for the control of our heart. What two things fight to control us, and give examples of how you've seen this fight in you or in your children?
16. Discuss the difference between *behavior management* and real gospel-centered change. Why is understanding this important distinction crucial for parents, children, and Christians in general?

17. What must we focus on in order for parents to be tools of rescue leading children to insight, confession, and repentance? What might this look like in actual interactions with your children?
18. Where are God replacements in our children's hearts revealed? Do you see this happening in your child? If so, how?
19. Tripp says we are to be *instruments of seeing* in our children's lives. How do we do this?
20. How does Tripp caution us to talk with our children about their sin? How might you apply this immediately with your own children?
21. In Chapter 13, what is the Gospel Principle of Rest?
22. Do you believe that raising disciples is your ultimate job as a parent? If you are going to raise willing disciples of Jesus, what do you need to do?
23. What does it look like to show your children mercy, and what is mercy NOT about?
24. What does it look like to shower your children with grace, and what is grace NOT about?
25. Tripp encourages us to pray without ceasing for our children. What does this look like, practically speaking, in our everyday lives?
26. **According to Tripp, this book has been an elaborate discussion on what? How has your perspective on parenting changed based on the content and ideas presented in this book?**