

SERMON NOTES

LANDSCAPING

Nehemiah 9

1. Pursue a relational connection with your kids.
2. Commit to a long-term process of raising kids.
3. Love your kids through their consequences.
4. Treat your kids with unconditional forgiveness.

THIS WEEK: Pick one principle to apply this week.

The 6th Message in the Series, "Designer Homes"

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided to assist you in aligning your life with this week's message. We encourage you to reflect on them in preparation for your small group discussion.

1. Which principle did you pick to apply this week? Why?
2. Read Exodus 20:1-3. Why do you think God established His relationship with the Israelites before He established His rules for them?
3. "Parents are responsible for the process, not the product." Do you agree or disagree with this parenting principle? Why?
4. Read Proverbs 19:19. Why is it so difficult to allow our children to suffer the consequences of their actions? What are the possible benefits of allowing the consequences to play themselves out?
5. Read Nehemiah 9:26-28. If you were sitting in God's chair, how would you feel about your parenting success?
6. What are some parenting principles you glean from reflecting on passage above?