

## Discussion Starters

1. Were you every so angry with your parents that you ran away from home, or wanted to run away from home? Why? What angered you?
2. Did you ever get in trouble for disobeying your parents? How bad were you? What did you do? What were the consequences?
3. Have any of your children excelled in being disobedient and contrary? What did they not do? How did you discipline them?
4. What were the punishments, or disciplines your parents exercised on you? And what discipline or punishments did you use on your children?

**Psalms 103:13** “Like as a father pities his children, so the LORD pities them that fear him.”

**Hebrews 12:6-11** *For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father does not chasten? 8 But if you were without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then you would be bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

## Discussion Study Questions

1. **Have you every heard the voice of the Lord?** Does God speak to you? If so, how does his voice come? Look up and discuss 1 Kings 19:12 and Isaiah 30:21 and John 10:27

*1 Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.*

*Isaiah 30:21 And in your ears you shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.*

*John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

2. **Have you ever tried to flee from the presence of the Lord?** What does “the presence of the Lord” mean? There are four kinds of “presence of the Lord” revealed in Scripture. What are they? Discuss them.

General Presence – Ps 139:7 “*whither shall I go from your presence?*”

Corporate Presence – Matthew 18:20 – “*if any two or three of you in my name there am I*”

Personal Presence – Hebrews 13:5 – “*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*”

Manifest Presence – Ex 33:14 – The manifest presence of God to Moses

3. **Are there varying degrees of God’s will?** Romans 12:1-2 Good, pleasing, perfect?