

Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S#5 Episode #1 How Do I Disciple the Children in my Life?



To truly prepare our children for faith-filled adulthood, we need to consider reframing “children’s ministry” as something closer to “child discipleship.” That’s the conclusion of a new study from the Barna Group and Awana. But how do we disciple the children in our lives?

In a survey taken in 2019 of 400 children’s ministry leaders, some of the results showed that among children who decide to follow Jesus – 43% do so before the age of twelve, two-thirds do so before the age of eighteen, 50% do so through their parents, 24% do so through other family members.

Scripture References

Deuteronomy 6:7 – You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise.

Luke 18:16 - “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

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Samuel – 1 Samuel 3:1-11

“Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood,

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