

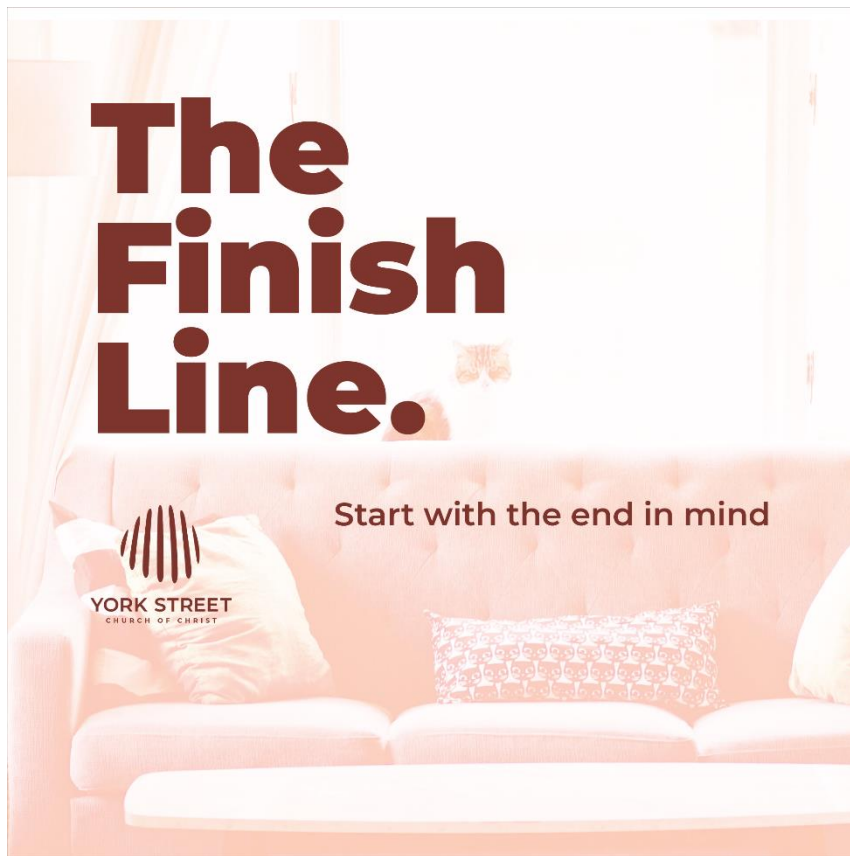
# York Street Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 24th July 2022

Family Series

Proverbs 22:6



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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## GETTING STARTED

Q1. The disparity between new parent expectations and new parent reality can be overwhelming. Today we live in a world where parenting is increasingly expected to look “picture-perfect,” which is largely perpetuated through social media. This is not reality. Your own expectations for family life and parenting may not match your partner’s. This can be a further challenge. Managing expectations is a key component to life as a parent. What does the Bible say about being a good parent? How can we implement this in our lives?

Q2. How can we support each other to be a good parent? Why is this important?

Q3. Genetics, environmental influences, parenting styles, friends, teachers, schools, religion and the culture are just some of the major factors that combine in unique ways to determine how a child develops and the person they will one day become. What influences a child growing up in today's world? How can we ensure they stay strong in faith?

## INTO THE WORD

Read Proverbs 22:6

Q4. What does it mean by 'start children off in the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it'?

Q5. Read Hebrews 12:11

What does the Bible say about discipline? Why is it important when raising children? How can we support each other to discipline our children?

Q6 Read Matthew 6:33-34

What can we learn from this verse? How can this help us to raise children of God?

## GOING DEEPER

Q7. Read Exodus 20:12

Of all the commandments and guidelines God gives us this is the first that has a 'why' attached to it. Parenting has enough unforeseen struggles as it is without leaving a child's spiritual journey to chance. If you are a parent, what is one thing you want your child to have as they grow up, and what could you do today to keep them on that track? For those who have grandkids, how could you support your kids as they parent their own? For those who don't have children what would you like to see in the next generation and will you commit to pray for that each day for the sake of the Kingdom of God in future generations?

Pray

Loving Father help us to do all we can to raise a spiritually healthy generation, help us to see your future for our kids and to do our part so that you can do yours. May our children, and our children's children grow to know and love you as we seek to serve you in all that we do, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.