

Small Group Discussion Guide

Going from Good to Great: For the week of June 19 - 25, 2022

Main Thought and Scriptures:

(Break into groups of 3-4 to discuss. 50 minutes)

Parenting and leadership require changing through progressive seasons. How we parent and lead in one season must change as seasons of life change and people mature. This requires a willingness to embrace change and the adoption of new “wineskins.”

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine must be stored in new wineskins.” (Luke 5:37-38 NLT)

- When wine ferments in a wineskin (containers made from animal hide), gases are released that can cause old, inflexible wineskins to burst. Therefore, new wine must be poured into a new, more flexible wineskin.

Jesus likens this to how we must change and adapt to new seasons, including seasons of parenting and leadership.

- **Parenting and leadership entail adjusting through progressive seasons.**

Birth, infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood require different leadership styles. One size does not fit all seasons.

- **Parenting and leadership through each season require the flexibility to change.**

We must tailor our approach to each individual and adapt to each person's growth and maturation.

- **The last, yet greatest season requires the willingness to let go.**

When children become adults, parenting must go from high control to more of a consulting role. This allows for greater maturity and for multiplication to take place as the child now leads their own households. This also applies to leaders who must let go to enable those under them to flourish.

Discussion Questions:

(Select the questions that best apply)

- As you reflect on the main thought, scriptures, and the weekend sermon, what is the Lord highlighting to you and why?
- What season of parenting/ leadership do you find yourself in right now? Explain. What challenges are you facing in this current season? Explain.
- How do you need to change your parenting/ leadership style to adequately address the needs of your current season? If you sense a season is changing, how do you think you will need to adjust your parenting/ leadership style?

Prayer:

(Partner up to pray for one another. 10 minutes)

- Pray for one another for the current challenges being faced in this season of parenting/ leadership. Ask God to give you clarity on how to lead in this season.
- Pray for one unreached friend, coworker, or family member to come to know Jesus through your relationship with them.