

Cathedral Church of the Advent

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Podcast Micro-Class Gospel Moments

Episode 1: Isolation

What?

- (1) What is the root of isolation?
- (2) What are some different types of isolation that kids encounter? What are various consequences?
- (3) How does social media contribute to isolation?

So What?

- (1) How does our understanding of Jesus affect the way we view ourselves?
- (2) What does it mean for us to have a personal relationship with God? How does the Gospel impact feelings of isolation?

- (1) How do parents prepare their kids to face isolation?
- (2) How can kids be reminded of God's presence even when they don't "feel it?"
- (3) What tools does the bible teach about relating to others?

Episode 2: Pressure

What?

- (1) Where do children experience the pressure to perform? How does this struggle manifest itself?
- (2) What is the distinction between healthy and unhealthy pressure?

So What?

- (1) How does the Gospel relieve pressure from an "invisible audience?"
- (2) What is the significance of God's sovereignty as it relates to our fear?

- (1) How should parents respond when their kids share anxieties?
- (2) What does it look like for parents to offer perspective on pressure?
- (3) What are ways for kids to cast their cares on the Lord?

Episode 3: Witnessing the Fall

What?

- (1) How do kids begin and continue to "witness the fall?"
- (2) What does scripture say about navigating a fallen world?
- (3) What hope does Jesus offer in these experiences?

So What?

- (1) Why is it important for parents to meet their kids where they are? Where do parents then point them?
- (2) Why would it be helpful for parents to explain that they too are sinners saved by grace?
- (3) Why should children understand the fallen state of the world?

- (1) How can parents guide their kids in forming a narrative that allows for them to deal with hard realities?
- (2) What are ways that parents can encourage their children to turn to the Bible and prayer in their grief?

Episode 4: Identity

What?

- (1) How does the world shape kids' identities?
- (2) What are some things that kids place their identity in?
- (3) How does the correlation between identity and failure influence children?

So What?

- (1) What does it look like to define our identity on what God says (Ephesians 1 and 2)?
- (2) How does the Gospel challenge our idea of performance?
- (3) Why is it important to remind ourselves of this truth?

- (1) How can parents affirm this identity in Christ?
- (2) What are ways for kids to learn how to replace lies with God's truth?
- (3) Why should parents explain what identity is early on?

Episode 5: Failure and Success

What?

- (1) What is living under the law? What are the results when you succeed or fail?
- (2) What does the Bible say about living under the Gospel?

So What?

- (1) What happens in the shame cycle? What happens in the self-righteous cycle?
- (2) How can the Gospel transform kids' ability to receive grace and show it to others?

- (1) How do parents communicate the relationship between law and grace to their kids?
- (2) How can parents begin to help their children frame failures and successes through the lens of the cross?

Episode 6: Choices

What?

- (1) What struggles with choices exist in the elementary, junior high, and high school age?
- (2) How has the increase of choices (i.e. technology brings) impacted kids?
- (3) What does the story in 1 Kings reveal about how God responds to poor choices?

So What?

- (1) Why is it important to teach children about God's will?
- (2) How do we remind children that they are to glorify God and about His grace/sovereignty?
- (3) How does a personal relationship with Jesus change the way we view/go about our choices?

- (1) When faced with a choice, what is a wise course of action?
- (2) How can we grow in trusting the Lord and his will for our lives?