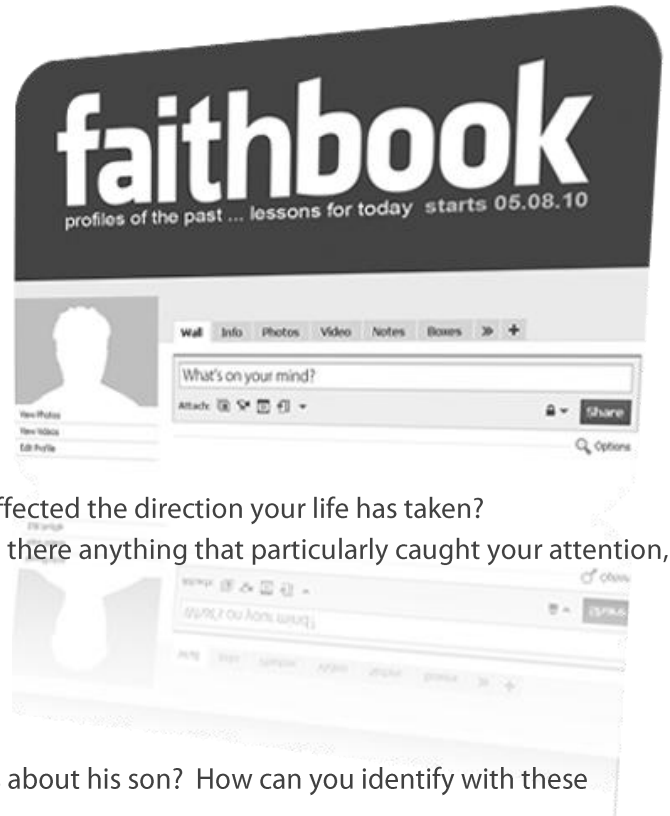


Small Group Discussion Guide

faithbook Series: Week #7



WARM UP:

How did your Dad set the course for your life? How has that affected the direction your life has taken? Looking back at your notes from this weekend's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIG IN:

Read I Samuel 2:12 and 22-25.

What emotions do you think Eli felt when he got these reports about his son? How can you identify with these emotions?

Slowly reread verse 25 and "unpack" it together. What does this verse tell you about ... the character of Eli's sons, the character of Eli, God's character?

Read I Samuel 3:11-14.

What do these verses say was Eli's big parenting mistake?

What does it mean that he "failed to restrain them"?

What do the consequences Eli's family faced for their sin communicate about the importance of parents taking seriously their role as the primary disciplers of their children?

Read I Samuel 4:10-18.

Have you ever had a parenting experience where you got really bad news? How did you respond?

How do the circumstances surrounding Eli's death speak to what's really important in life?

LIVE OUT:

How have you disappointed your own father/parents? How did that affect your relationship?

What children do you know who lack a father or significant father figure? How can you help fill in the gap?

If you are parents, what is your current greatest parenting challenge? How do you think God wants you to respond to that challenge?

What sin in your life is currently having a negative impact on your family? If not addressed, what could be the long-term consequences of continuing in that sin?

Pray for each other, specifically for the conviction to quickly address your own sin and the sin of your children. Pray by name for children who don't have an active father figure in their lives and ask God how He wants to use you in their lives.