

REAL LIFE THEOLOGY CONVERSATIONS

A Guide to Essential Questions and Answers for Family Discipleship

Launch Party Sample Keynote/Sermon Outline

I. Introduction

- Welcome
- Illustration: Applicable personal story
 - Highlighting the importance of family over material possessions
 - Emphasizing the significance of investing in children's spiritual development

II. The Importance of Parents

- Acknowledging that parents often prioritize lesser pursuits
- Stating the need for parents to prioritize their child's spiritual journey
- Highlighting the various aspects of parenting that are important but can overshadow spiritual development

III. The Most Important Area of Parenting

- Posing the question: Can parents miss out on the most important aspect of parenting?
- Illustration: King David
 - King David's shortcomings as a father
 - Recognize that even biblical figures struggled as parents
 - Focus on the parenting decision David got right
 - **1 Kings 2:1-4**: David's charge to Solomon to walk in obedience to God
 - Emphasizing the importance of passing on spiritual wisdom to children

IV. Ensuring Children Know God

- Explain the significance of ensuring children know about God.
- **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**: Introduce the Old Testament prayer, the "Shema"
 - Describe the purpose of the Shema in Jewish families.
 - God calls parents to teach their children about God throughout everyday life.
- What are some examples of how parents can incorporate conversations about God into everyday life?

V. The Dangers Children Face

- Highlight the inherent foolishness in children's hearts.
 - Self-centeredness, avoiding responsibility, rebellion
- Acknowledge the external influences that draw children away from God.

- Negative media, misleading books, harmful websites, negative peer influence
- Mention the presence of spiritual opposition (Satan).

VI. God's Solution: Parents

- Parents are God's solution for children's spiritual growth.
- **Ephesians 6:1-4**: the command for children to obey and honor their parents
 - The responsibility of parents to train and instruct their children in the ways of the Lord
- Acknowledge parental imperfections but emphasize their love and dedication to their children

VII. Conclusion

- Encourage parents to prioritize family discipleship with their children.
- Introduce the book *Real Life Theology Conversations*.

Note: This sample outline provides a structure for the keynote/sermon. Additional content, illustrations, and application points can be added to enhance the sermon further. For a full manuscript based on this outline, see "Sample Keynote/Sermon" in Launch Party Resources.