



PLUNGING INTO PARENTING

Reflection/discussion guide

Do this activity on your own, as a couple or in your small group and discuss together.

- Generally speaking, are you a person who dips your toes in the water or plunges right into life experiences? How do you think this approach to living will impact your parenting style?
- Read Luke 14:28-30

“But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’

Luke 14:28-30

There’s a popular piece of advice that says, “*You’re never really ready to become a parent.*” How might you reconcile that wisdom with the truth found in the above passage?

- Of the “Big 3” (duties, discipline & discipleship) which do you believe to be the most important?
- What could be some consequences if any of the “Big 3” are neglected or not valued equally between parents?
- Praying for your children seems like a no-brainer, yet many parents fail to do so consistently; waiting to pray until there’s a crisis. How can you avoid falling into the same trap?
- Make a list of 2-3 couples who you respect and are a step ahead of you in the parenting journey. Then, put an asterisk next to the couple you will prayerfully ask to avail themselves to you from time to time for prayer, insight and encouragement.