

First Time Impressions



In a previous Genesis Institute newsletter I asked a co-leader of the Courageous Parenting ministry to give his first impressions of being involved in this 12-week class with parents of adolescents. This month I asked two parents for their first impressions of the class after being involved for 4 weeks. Their responses are very typical of what parents experience and learn.

Kim: “On the first day of class I felt very encouraged. Our family was struggling. I left class feeling hopeful. We now have been able to identify the area’s that close/shut our son down. Changes are taking place and our relationships are becoming much more positive with each other. This class has also helped my husband and I reflect on our character to become ministry parents instead of consumer type parents”.

Bill: “The class has helped us focus on three crucial aspects of our parenting; the rebuilding of our relationships with our grandchildren that we are raising, that of building bridges and not walls, and omitting the word “why” when asking questions that allow their hearts to open instead of being closed with the why word”.

Brave and courageous parents! The old adage that “we did our best with what we have” is being dismantled by each parent that strives to be a more mature parent than their own parents.

I will have more parental reflections soon as the class begins to draw to a close that will be their ending impressions of the class.

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