

## **OPEN IN PRAYER**

## MAIN SCRIPTURES (read when prompted)

Genesis 18:19 Psalm 103:13-14 Proverbs 3:11

## **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!**

- As adults, we need to be careful with our words and actions because kids learn from modeling. If they us love our neighbor, they will love them. If they see us fight, they will fight. If they see us worship, they will worship. Building your household has to be intentional. There are 3 vital things that will shape and transform your household: #1 God has to be #1 in your life.
  Read Genesis 18:19. You are chosen to lead your household with intent. Set standards in your home and start by using Joshua 24:15, for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
  Would you be ok with children repeating the words you say in private? Would you be ok seeing a child repeat your actions?
- The second vital thing we need is to have compassion for our children. Read Psalm 103:13-14. We know the frame of our children and need to have compassion over them. Show them that you care every chance you get. As the Lord shows us compassion, we are to show them the same. As the head of the household, rules are inevitable. But rules without relationship lead to rebellion. What is your favorite memory from childhood of an adult showing you that they cared? How can you show that care to the children around you?

• And lastly #3 A father has to discipline. Read Proverbs 3:11. Correction is not a beating. Romans 2:4 reminds us that the kindness of God is intended to lead us to repentance. Treat your children the way that God the Father treats you. There are times when we mess up as well but God's got your back! He's got a plan for your success even when you don't. Do you see God as a Father? How has Gods kindness led you to repentance?

## PRAYER FOCUS

This week let's pray for those fathers that are trying their best without having an example in their lives. And pray for those fathers that are struggling to provide for their families in these difficult times. We all need to come together to pray for the men of this world to rise up, take responsibility and lead with the Lord as their heavenly Father.