



The **TOUGHEST** *JOB ON EARTH*

Forging the Future

Discussion Guide

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Proverbs 22:6

Questions for Study

** Before you begin, please read Proverbs 22:6 as a group.

1. Share a positive influence one (or both) of your parents had on you. Why do you think this particular positive influence impacted you so much?
2. Do you think parenting today is harder / easier / the same as it was 100 years ago? Why?
3. What are some of the biggest problems or struggles that parents face today?
4. In the midst of these problems and struggles, why is learning what the Bible says about families and parenting so essential?
5. Read Mark 10:13-14. In your own words, explain how this passage shows us that children are a blessing. (Interested in more on this? Read Psalm 127:3-5.)
6. Why is it important to understand this biblical truth that “children are a blessing”? What attitudes toward children flow out of this point? What actions flow out of this point?
7. Read Proverbs 22:6, then answer the following questions:
 - Talk about the difference between a proverb and a promise. Why is that distinction important to keep in mind when reading this verse?
 - How does this verse show that parenting / raising up the next generation includes a responsibility on your part? What is that responsibility?
 - This verse shows us the difference that intentional parenting can have in the life of the child. Why is intentional parenting important?
8. Brookside cares deeply about investing in and building up the next generation of disciples. Whether you have children living at home or not, why is this value important for us as a church family?
9. How can you get involved in investing in and building up the next generation of disciples? (If you're already involved, share what you're currently doing.)
10. Challenge: Memorize Proverbs 22:6: Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.