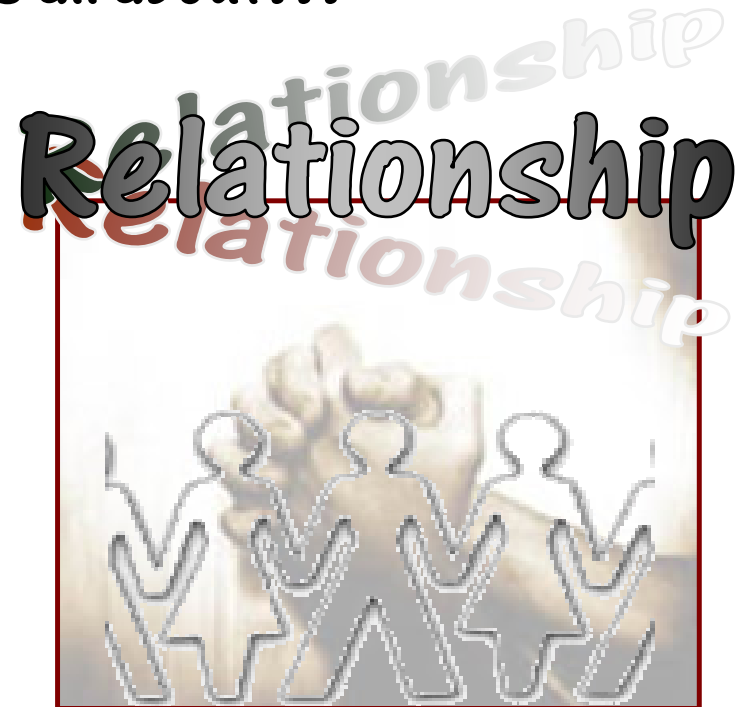


# IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIP

## Series outline

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It's all about...



**When it comes to home and family:  
it's all about relationship!**

St Andrew's Roseville  
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## Home and family: Its all about relationship!

*Proverbs 22:1-6; Ephesians 6:1-4*

### Review questions

1. Proverbs 22:6 seems like an awesome promise. What does 'in the way he should go' mean, and have you observed this in the lives of others?  
What do we say when some parents have done exactly this, but a grown up son or daughter no longer follows the Lord?
2. Ephesians 6:1-4 is a passage we looked at last year in our Ephesians' studies. What do you think it means to bring our children up 'in the training and instruction of the Lord'?
3. Did everyone understand the whole concept of what it means to raise our children as Christians, taking God at his promise and therefore not keep asking that he would make them Christian? For more on this, read Bishop Glenn Davies' article at:

[http://your.sydneyanglicans.net/mindful/children\\_and\\_salvation](http://your.sydneyanglicans.net/mindful/children_and_salvation)

### Reflection/application questions:

1. Do you think it's true that many Christians have been sucked in to their surrounding culture and while trying to give kid's 'the best of everything', have actually missed out on emphasising relationship?
2. Do you think Paul's comment in his article last week that *It would seem that many Australians are looking for something more* is true?
3. And what about the quote from the English opposition leader re focusing on GWB not just GDP? How do you think such a seismic shift in public weighing of what's good for us can come about?

4. If relationship with God is the key to so much of what will make a difference in all our other relationships, how can we in our small groups do more to encourage one another to make our relationship with God absolutely central and foundational for our lives?
5. Mark challenged us: *Is the culture of your home soaked in the love for the Lord Jesus? Is he spoken of? Is the Bible read as a family? Do you encourage your children to pray? Do you gather around as a family at various times in the week and pray as a family?*  
Any reactions? Thoughts? Insights? Should someone tell him he's dreaming?
6. Mark said 'You are **not** to be your children's best mate'... and that parents are to parent. What was he getting at? Does he have a point?
7. **7pm-ers...** Mark said that *if you are still living with mum and dad - under their roof, in their care and protection, still under their guidance and parenting - then obeying them is the right thing for the children of God.* What are the issues and challenges here? What unique challenges arise when your parents are not believers? How can we help each other in our small groups work through some of these issues?
8. Work through even just some of the take home points Mark left us with:

#### 10 ways for parents raising kids:

1. ensure your relationship with God is first
2. ... your marriage second
3. ...your relationship with your children, third
4. pray with your children every bed time
5. read the Bible with your children
6. God talk
7. don't miss church/Sunday school/youth group
8. eat together as often as you can
9. create one on one opportunities
10. learn to enjoy, not endure

#### 10 ways for kids and youth still at home:

1. ensure your relationship with God is first
2. for the married?... your marriage second
3. ...then relationship with your family
4. other person centredness
5. Christians homes? - live consistently!
6. non-Christians homes? - live consistently!
7. God talk
8. Christian homes - pray with your parents often
9. don't use church or ministry to avoid family
10. learn to enjoy, not endure