

FAMILY DISCUSSION

NURSERY AND PARENTING

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How Should We Handle Nursery During Sunday Morning?

Options:

1. Have it just during teaching.
2. Have it during sharing and teaching.
3. Have it during the whole service.

Why should we do it that way (whatever option you choose)?

Biblically, we must think about the following issues:

- ❑ There is freedom concerning the form Sunday morning takes. This means Scripture does not answer our question directly.
- ❑ Church is meant to be a safe place to learn together and encourage one another.
- ❑ How are we doing with our parenting? (Loving Jesus in how we care for our kids.)
- ❑ Watch out for pride. It is easy to get caught up in how people are viewing us concerning parenting issues.
- ❑ We have our security, not in how well we are doing, but because we are accepted in Jesus Christ-the Gospel!
- ❑ Grace in the battle from all of us. This is going to be hard work for all of us, no matter what we pick. Be careful not to be too hard on one another.
- ❑ Loving one another practically. Are your kids hindering other people from their focus on the service? Do you actually care how the parents are doing with being a part of the service?
 1. Parents- consider taking your kids out of the service if they get distracting. They are your Biblical responsibility according to God.
 2. Those without kids- are you too easily distracted and therefore too hard on the kids? Remember to give grace in the process.
 3. Parents- are you working with your kids at home to make the service easier for everyone?
 4. Those without kids- have you thought about serving those with kids? They could use your help once in awhile.
 5. Those with only one child- is there any way you can help those with more?

- ❑ How are we to handle difficulty in the Christian life? Are we always supposed to do the easy thing?

What behavior should we expect from children during the service?

How should we do nursery?

- ❑ How old are the kids allowed to be? Is there a cut-off? Why or why not?
- ❑ Should just the women serve in the nursery or should it be men and women? Which and why did you choose that?
- ❑ What toys are appropriate in the nursery?
- ❑ How should behavior problems be handled while in the nursery?