

A GUIDE FOR 4TH-SOIL PARENTING PROJECT TEAMS

At a Project Team Gathering...

1. Give each person on the team a copy of the Theological Vision for 4th-Soil Parenting below...
2. Ask each person to take 5 minutes to read through the numbered list of beliefs.
3. Then ask these questions for group conversation:
 - What's something on the list you feel particularly strong about, and why?
 - How has your own growing-up experience in your family of origin impacted your faith, and why?
 - Number 13 on the list—We believe that parents set a “glass ceiling” of religious commitment above which their children infrequently rise—is based in research. But why do you think this is true? What are “exceptions” to this truth?
 - Past research indicates that most parents don't see their role as a calling from God—if they did see it as a calling, what do you think would change?
 - In what ways does my family life reflect this theological vision?
 - In what ways is our church already living out this theological vision for parenting, and in what ways do we need to grow?
4. Close by pausing as a group to be silent in prayer for 60 seconds. Ask everyone to simply ask Jesus: “What's one word you'd like us to remember?” After 60 seconds, ask project team members to share the word they sensed. Then close in prayer.