

Seizing Our Window of Opportunity
Series: Identity: Who We Are in Christ
(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)
– Ephesians 6:4 –

1. BIRTH-AGE 5: _____ STAGE

* Parents' Goal: Correct a child's _____

* Child's Discovery: Obedience is _____

2. AGES 6-12: _____ STAGE

* Parents' Goal: Teach why _____

* Child's Discovery: I obey because _____

3. AGES 13-19: _____ STAGE

* Parents' Goal: Make the _____

* Child's Discovery: All my _____

4. AGES 20+ _____ STAGE

* Parents' Goal: Launch them _____

* Child's Discovery: I can _____

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. Talk about one thing that your parents did really well in your childhood. What did you appreciate most about that?
3. Someone has said of Prov. 22:6 and related texts: "You can't raise a Christian, only sinners exposed to the Gospel." And... "Before, I had three sure-fire child-rearing principles, but no kids; now I have three kids but no sure-fire principles." What do such statements assume about human nature? Sin? Parenting? God's grace? Do you agree or disagree?
4. Since all people as a group create the environment in which children grow up, should parents be solely responsible for their nurturing?
5. How can you take a more active role in helping the children in your neighborhood? In your church?
6. Read Deut. 6:4-7. How often are the words of Scripture heard spoken in your home?