



# BECAUSE

## I SAID SO

Week One | Because I'm With You | 08.28-29.2021

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** The mundane day-to-day tasks can leave us feeling lost and defaulting to "Because I Said So" just to make it through the day. But what if we can free ourselves from the burden of trying to construct life-change in our children's hearts and embrace a greater parenting perspective that overflows with vision, purpose, and joy?

- » **Opening** (2-3 minutes)
- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
  - Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
    - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
    - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
  - Pray - open your time together in prayer.
- » **Introduction** (12 minutes)
- Ice-Breaker: What is something your parents said to you that you promised you would never say?
  - Digging Deeper: What prevents you from being present with the people in your life?
- » **Observation** | Read Luke 18:15-17; Ephesians 6:4 (12 minutes)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?
- » **Key Principle** | **Being present is more important than being perfect.** (10 minutes)
- Describe a time that you wanted you or your family to be perfect, or at least look perfect to the people around you.
- » **Presence of Health** | Reread Luke 18:15 (10 minutes)
- What are some ways you need to work on showing up healthy to be more present with your family?
- » **Presence of Patience** | Reread Luke 18:16; Ephesians 6:4 (10 minutes)
- Have you ever asked God to give you patience? In what ways were you given opportunities to "practice" patience?
- » **Presence of Communication** | (10 minutes)
- What barriers of communication have you put up? How can you start breaking those barriers down and rebuilding communication?
- » **Presence of Grace** | Reread Luke 18:16-17 (10 minutes)
- Where have you been pursuing perfection or the appearance of perfection over presence with your people? Where can you pursue grace in the place of perfection?
- » **Next Steps and Prayer** | (13 minutes)
- What version of presence do you need to work on the most this week? Make a plan to put this into practice.
  - Close by praying for each other to ask God to reveal to you the ways you can be more present with the people in your life.