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Crucial Conversations You Have to Have With Your Kids (Psalm 139:1-17)

Warmup: What crucial conversation do you remember as a kid or teen?

READ & REFLECT Psalm 139:1-17

- According to this passage of Scripture, describe in detail how deeply acquainted God is with you (vv. 1-12).
- What surprises you about verses 13-17?
- Reflect upon which of these verses most clearly express your value to God as His child?
- Note: As a parent, aunt or uncle, your personal belief and reception of these verses impact how you relate this truth to your kids. Regardless of your child's age, which part of this passage is vital for you to convey to your child?
- Within your weekly circles of community, what are the markers of self-worth that you observe among friends and acquaintances? Which of these false markers have entered the belief system of your child, or if you are single, how do nephews and nieces in your extended family perceive self-worth?

WALKING IT OUT Matthew 23:11-12

- In small groups, discuss how a healthy self-worth supports humbly serving others.
- Throughout the week how do you serve those in front of you? Do your kids serve naturally, or do they need a role model and prompting?

I Corinthians 6:15-20

- In small groups of 3 discuss: Is it easier for you to do "tasks" for God, or to care for your physical temple? How do you practice care for the temple God has given you?

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- Quickly number off 1-3. 1's are the parent, 2's are a 16-year-old, and 3's are the Holy Spirit. Role play the 16-year-old asking to go to a party where the parent suspects liquor is likely to be available. Then switch roles.
- Reflecting on your own experience, what would have been the most impactful way for you to learn the teaching of 1 Corinthians 6:15-20 (the body is the temple for the Holy Spirit)?
- No matter how young or old, our kids quickly observe if we are modeling what we teach. How will you walk out the teaching of keeping a clean, holy temple for the Holy Spirit? Those with grown children, how will you model care for your temple? Identify two action steps you will begin walking out. This could be something you are adding to your routine, or something you choose to give up.

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