

The Church & Parents: A Beautiful Partnership
Psalm 78:1-8 **May 10, 2015**

I. Together, we proclaim the _____ of God

“O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past – stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us.” (Ps 78:1-3)

“All Christian parenting and Christian education begins with God.”
Tim Keller

- Knowing Him
- Loving Him
- Serving Him
- Sharing Him

II. Together, we proclaim the _____ of God

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.” (Ps 78:4)

- His glorious deeds
- His unmatched power
- His mighty wonders

III. Together, we proclaim the _____ of God’s Word

“For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel.”
(Ps 78: 5)

- We recognize it
- We guard it
- We teach it

The Bible is the final authority on all it addresses.

The Bible builds the worldview from which we live, love and serve.

All Scriptures references are from the New Living Translation of the Bible

IV. Together, we proclaim the _____ of God’s Word

“He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them – even the children not yet born – and they in turn will teach their own children.” (Ps 78:5-6)

“You must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“...bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

- Teaching → Knowing → Believing → Living → Sharing

V. Together, we proclaim our _____ in God

“So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.”
(Ps 78:7)

- We lead from where we are
- We demonstrate what it means to trust God
- We forge a foundation of trust for our children

VI. Together, we proclaim _____ to God’s Word

“...not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Then they will not be like their ancestors stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.”
(Ps 78:7-8)

- We teach it
- We model it
- We expect it
- We reward it

Application: God means for parenting to happen in _____ with the church – the **WHOLE CHURCH** – helping to provide what parents need. Are we ALL doing our part to impact our children and future generations?