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**Discuss** the challenges you see kids and parents facing today.

How is 21st Century childhood different from what you experienced?  
What new challenges do kids today face?  
What are some of the perennial challenges of parenting?  
What new challenges do parents today face?

Pastor Adam said that too often we: 1. Risk too little, 2. Rescue too quickly, 3. Model too weakly. Do you agree or disagree?  
Where do you see this playing out in our culture?  
Where are you as a parent, grandparent, mentor, etc. tempted to act in these ways?  
What is the problem with acting in these ways?

**Read** the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32.

What do you notice about how the Father in the story acts?  
Does the Father take risks? How?  
Does he rescue the son? Why/why not?  
Does he model well? How?

**Discuss** what Pastor Adam said about exposing kids to the joy of knowing God personally and exposing them to the presence and power of God in His Church. How can we naturally and regularly expose kids to the joy of knowing God? Be as specific as possible.

Why is it important to integrate kids into the life of the local church?  
What are the obstacles to doing this?  
How can we overcome those obstacles?

**Consider** how you can practically bless parents and come alongside them as they disciple their children. Who can you bless? How will you bless them?

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