

July 24 2016 “Caring for our Children” based on Luke 11:1-13

Theme based on what anyone would give their children – God will give Holy Spirit to those who ask.

- Children important gift of God. Comes with responsibility to parents.
- Choices involved as to how to raise children. There are good and bad sides. Fine lines between providing discipline and spoiling.
- Tough to be firm or leave child in another’s care or bring child for inoculation
- Easier to give in than to establish guidelines
- Don’t want to see child hurt selves, try to protect children

Dilemmas of parenting are also dilemmas of God.

- God knows our needs, knows our potential and breaking points, knows what it will take to make us ‘fit’ for the Kingdom
- Story of man establishing an orchard. Frost destroyed, causing man to avoid worship. Pastor suggested that God loved man more than fruit, and sometimes adversity causes growth.
- We often become strong in broken places

Gospel is about ‘trust in God’!

- Never a storm so devastating that God cannot bring us safely through it, no night so dark that God’s light cannot penetrate it, nothing will happen that, by God’s grace, we cannot handle it.
- You can trust God to provide that things you need!