

## Sticky Faith | Discussion Guide for Chapters 1-2

This discussion guide is meant to help you work through the ideas found in the book *Sticky Faith*. Use it as a starting point for your own thoughts, then set a time for an intentional conversation with your spouse or a Christian friend.

### **Alarming Statistic**

*Only 20% of college students who leave the faith planned to do so during high school. The remaining 80% intended to stick with their faith but didn't. (p16)*

Why is it important to think about the way a child may, or may not, pursue a relationship with Jesus when they leave home?

As you reflect on this statistic, what next step comes to mind for your current stage of parenting?

What will you need to be intentional about in your *next* phase of parenting?

### **Who You Are Matters Most**

*Parental support, while important, is not the only way you influence your child. More than even your support, it's who you are that shapes your kid. In fact, it's challenging to point to a Sticky Faith factor that is more significant than you. How you express and live out your faith may have a greater impact on your son or daughter than anything else. (p23-24)*

Write down the first thing that comes to mind when you read this. Be honest.

What 1-2 things can you do to express and live out your faith more visibly to your child?

### **The Gospel and Sticky Findings**

- *Many kids are unable to define Christianity (p33)*
- *Many kids have adopted the "gospel of sin management" (p33)*
- *Kids need to discover what it means to TRUST Christ (p34)*

What is Christianity? What is the gospel? Write a definition for each.

What is the “gospel of sin management?”

In what ways do you trust Christ?

How can you help your child develop trust in Christ instead of an obedience based relationship with him?

**Next Step**

Have an intentional, age-appropriate conversation with your child about your faith.