

## Planting: The Child in My Family

'Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ' - Amen BCP

## Reflecting

What comes to mind when you think of "bringing your child near to Jesus"? What are the gifts of the child to you on your spiritual journey? What about your own upbringing do you affirm? What would you most want your child to know about God? What in your own relationship with God now could be strengthened, changed or grown? How would you like to let your life 'speak' to your child?

*Praying* In small groups: Two simple prayers: something to hold onto, something to ask for

1. Is there something from this evening you want to hold onto: a word, idea or encouragement? Offer that in prayer, and have someone else pray a simple prayer of witness for you that "God who has begun this good work in [name] would bring [word, idea, encouragement] to completion."

2. In light of revisiting the account of parents' desires being met and exceeded by Jesus, what would you like Jesus to do for you or your children?

*Equipping* Spiritual Parenting - Michelle Anthony *Date for Book Discussion: Tuesday, January 12 7:30 - 8:15* 

Next Parent Connect date: November 17 Tending: Child in God's Family