



ParentU with Justin Whitmel Earley

Lessons 6-10: Classical
Education & Habits of
the Household

Outline:

Lesson 6: Truth & Beauty

- The problem with leading with truth alone at the expense of beauty is that you are making an enormous assumption that you are the kind of person that will love truth in the first place.
- To try to engage the head without engaging the heart is usually a failed endeavor.
- A good sermon is not going to shape someone as much as the music they listen to or the stories they watch on shows. We are made to be storied creatures.
- We need to think about helping the head and the heart combine (worldview + habit formation) so you have a virtuous cycle of loving the truth as much as knowing it.

Lesson 7: Beauty in Coherence

- There is a beauty to the coherence of the world (like a plot line, or a schedule).
- We want to be people who can see the coherence of creation and how we fit in it.
- How do we become people who think that non-beautiful things are beautiful? We fragment the world into chunks and try to make sense of them only in that vision.
- Boundaries, limits, controlling who you are is the way to the good life, not the interruption of the good life.

Lesson 8: Fragmentation from Sin

- Fallen-ness can be understood as a fragmented world. Sin is always a product of fragmentation and leads to more fragmentation.
- Ordered creation leads to beauty.

Lesson 9: Classical Christian Education & Missional Living

- Our homes are filled with all kinds of liturgies that we are leading.
- We need to think about how spiritual rhythms of formation are happening in our own parenting.
- How are my children being formed when I don't think they are being formed at all?



- The classical education model has had centuries worth of experience of teaching spiritual formation.
- The problems that we want to solve in public schools are institutional problems, those are not solved by individuals being present.
- Building a better ship may be a better way to live missionally as we invite the world to this model of education.

Lesson 10: A Full Vision of Education

- Classical education is not just to get the best education. They are there to be shaped into a certain kind of person of virtue and character.
- That the public schools don't say this is evidence that they are doing it in ways they can't or won't describe.