License to Parent
(Discussion Questions)

When people arrive at your table
✓ Ask people to order something so that we can keep up good relations with this restaurant since they are letting us use their space.
✓ Ask people to place their food and drink orders before the discussion starts so that the discussion won’t be interrupted as much.

Once the food and drinks have been ordered let everyone know...
Our main intention
• is to provide a balanced discussion where everyone has a chance to speak.

We only have two rules
• respect for everyone at the table, and one person talking at a time (during the facilitated portion).

Interjecting
• In order to avoid anyone from dominating the discussion, just raise your hand if you would like to speak. That way, everyone (including the facilitator) knows that you have something to say.

Okay, let’s get started!

*Around the table question: People answer the question from left to right ending with the person who asked it.

WARM UP QUESTIONS always help build respect at the table...

Which of the Food For Thought videos was the most interesting to you, and why?

If you’re not already a parent, are you interested in being a parent one day? If so why or not?

Do you believe that you would be (or already are) a good parent? Explain why or why not.

... now that we’re warmed up...

Why do believe there are so many requirements to adopt a child but not to conceive and raise a child?

Do you believe that people should be required to have a license in order to raise children? Why/why not?

If a licence was required, what do you think the qualifications should include? (i.e. what if you have a criminal record, struggle with a mental illness, etc?)

What do you think should happen if a baby is born and the parents didn’t obtain a license first?

... if there’s time... ... approximately 90 minutes.

In the future it is conceivable that there will be a safe and painless way to sterilize children in order to avoid unwanted pregnancies. Imagine in this scenario that all children are sterilized and adults would have to obtain a license in order to be unsterilized.

What do you think of this scenario?

Do you believe that a parenting license would have to be renewed every so often? If so, how would this work?

AFTER 90 MINUTES:
Feel free to stick around as long as you like. If there are multiple tables for this event then you are encouraged to move to other tables to mix and mingle.

Conversations are no longer limited to the topic.