



Parent Guide

This guide is meant to equip you with discussion questions and conversation starters that you can use throughout the week to continue the conversation about what you and your kids learned on Sunday.

Sermon Summary

In case you missed it, or if you just need a refresher, here's a quick summary of what we talked about this week in the sermon:

Pastor delivered a powerful sermon on the importance of encouragement and the impact of our words. Sharing personal experiences, he emphasized how vital it is to support others in times of need and to use our words wisely. Drawing from scriptures like Ephesians 4:29, James 3:6, and

1 Thessalonians 5:11, he highlighted the necessity of building each other up and speaking life-giving words. Pastor reminded us of the transformative power of showing up and stirring one another to love and good works, especially in anticipation of Christ's return.

Conversation Starters

These are things you can talk about with your kids to help further the conversation about what they may have learned on Sunday.

- After School Snack Time
 - Discussion Question: How do you think our words can either help or hurt someone?
 - Context: This relates to Pastor's message about the power of the tongue from James 3:6.
- During Dinner
 - Discussion Question: Can you think of a time when someone's encouraging words made a big difference in your life?
 - Context: Pastor shared personal stories about the importance of encouragement during tough times.
- On the Drive to School
 - Discussion Question: Why do you think it's important to be present and show up for others?
 - Context: This ties back to Pastor's call for us to show up and stir one another towards love and good works from Hebrews 10:24-25.
- Bedtime Reflection
 - Discussion Question: What are some ways we can encourage people at school or in our family?
 - Context: Refer to the specific ways Pastor suggested we can be encouragers on social media and in daily life.
- Weekend Family Time
 - Discussion Question: How does knowing that Jesus is coming back change the way we speak to others?
 - Context: This links to the closing thoughts from Pastor's sermon about using our words to build up, in light of Christ's return.