

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMER
AT
HILLSIDE

July 2, 2023

A Power of a Godly Legacy

This Discussion Guide is designed to help you **think more deeply** about the sermon and **engage with others** through thoughtful conversation, biblical exploration and **allow God to work** in your life as you apply what you discover.

➤ CONVERSATION STARTER

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

➤ EXPLORATION

Here at Hillside Community Church we take seriously the importance of investing in the next generation. We believe that kids and students can grow in their faith, share their faith and make disciples. Once they understand the way Jesus has made a difference in their lives they can share their own story with the people around them.

Some of the ways our Hillside Kids have grown in their faith over the years is through the amazing legacy of "Summer Blast." This last week we had over 800 kids from Kindergarten through 5th grade and over 400 Volunteers from Jr. High through adults on our campus learning about Jesus and growing together. It was absolutely amazing!

Summer Blast is the largest multi-generational investment we make every year for the sake of our next generation.

Investing in the next generation is an important theme in Psalm 78. Read verses 1-8 and then go back and focus on the following verses.

Psalm 78:4-7 (From your bible, read aloud)

One of the truly unique ways we invest in our kids here at Hillside is through leadership training and serving opportunities for our Jr. High and High School students. When these older students get involved in leadership they are able to grow in their faith in powerful ways. They move from being participants to being servants and that makes all the difference in their lives and in the lives of the kids they lead.

Was there someone who invested in you as a kid or student? If so, who? What impact did their investment have on you?

Psalm 78:6-7 (From your bible, read aloud)

We want to see kids "put their trust in God" and that is exactly what has happened. So many kids made first time decisions for Christ at Summer Blast. We also had students who accepted Jesus as their savior at Junior High Camp. We heard powerful stories about how investing in the lives of kids and students can make an important impact on them.

Choosing to serve others also impacts the one who is serving. Being part of what God is doing in the lives of people around you is an important way that we can help others grow in their faith and also in our own faith journey.

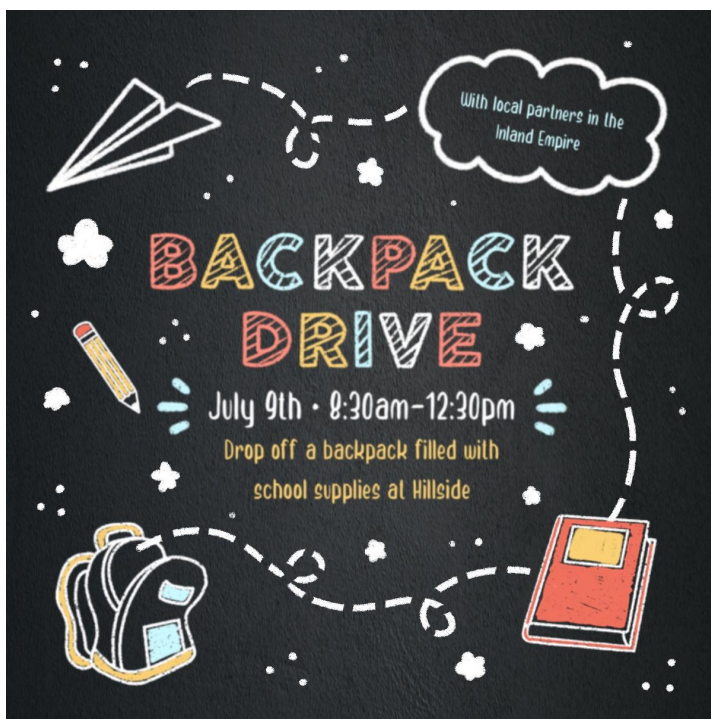
How are you using the gifts and talents God has given you to invest in someone else?

➤ TAKE AWAY

Take some time to consider how God might be calling you to invest in the lives of our kids or students. Are you willing to answer the call to make sure every kid and every student has a place here?

Call to Action!

- Pray for the kids / students who have recently made decisions for Jesus.
- Pray for our ministry teams who work with these amazing kids / students.
- Pray about how you can be involved in these ministries to make sure they hear and experience the Good News of Jesus!
- Commit to participating in our annual **Backpack Drive**. Bring a backpack filled with school supplies on Sunday, July 9th. These backpacks will be given to kids in the Inland Empire.



Pray together, asking God for an opportunity to invest in the lives of kids and students.