

Hatch'M - Part 2

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

This week we learned 3 important things we need to do in order to encourage, comfort and urge our kids and the people around us.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

Three Things We Need To Do:

1. Give them a <u>Hand On</u> – <u>Encourage</u> your KiDS.

Encouragement can come in the form of your <u>presence</u>, your <u>touch</u> and your <u>words</u>. Being there for someone and encouraging them, especially if they have experienced failure, can be the key to whether they choose to give up or press on. Written words of encouragement speak volumes and can be reread over and over; especially during discouraging times. Discuss a time you felt encouraged by someone else. Discuss a time you felt down and could have used encouragement but it never came. Who can you write to this week to encourage them?

Deuteronomy 6:5-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Proverbs 16:24

2. Give them a Hand Out - Comfort your KiDS.

God comforts us so that we may, in turn, comfort others. As Anne Gilbert's child said so poignantly, "We need somebody with skin." If we don't provide a place of comfort, Satan will. God places people in our lives for a reason. Who in your life needs your comfort? How will you reach out to that person this week?

2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Philippians 2:4

3. Give them a <u>Hand Up</u> – <u>Urge</u> your KiDS.

Instead of living for our kids (or others), let's give them something to live for; Jesus. How will you impress upon your children (and others) God's Word and His purpose for their lives? 1 Timothy 4:16; Proverbs 22:6

What's Next:

- It's said that we need 12 hugs per day to grow. Make a point of meeting/exceeding your quota each day.
- Write notes of encouragement to at least 3 people this week.
- Invite someone to Celebrate!