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TALK ABOUT IT



# BIG Little THINGS

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## TEACHING OVERVIEW

We kicked off a new teaching series this weekend called Big Little Things. Pastor Jackson shared with us the benefits of living a life of encouragement. Encouragement is one of the most under-rated qualities but is incredibly valuable.

## Encouragement

What was one of the biggest take-aways for you from the book of Philippians?

Who do you have in your life that speaks words of inspiration and affirmation to you?

## Scripture & Discussion

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:1-8

### Discuss

1. The public encouragement of Joshua from Moses inspired the rest of the Israelites to grow in their obedience to God. Have you grown in your relationship with God because of something someone said about another person?
2. Pastor Jackson shared two types of encouragement, the first being Inspiration. This is often future oriented and fuels us to do the work of God. Is there someone you can inspire into obedience? What inspirational words can you share with them starting this week?
3. Has someone seen something in you that maybe you didn't see in yourself? How did their encouragement give you the confidence to take your next step, or your first step?

**Read:** Acts 11:19-22

### **Discuss**

4. The second type of encouragement Pastor Jackson shared about is affirmation. This is daily using words to encourage and uplift others. Often we overlook the importance of this within our own home. Who has God blessed you with in your home (or work) that you can affirm? What affirming, personal words can you share with them this week?

5. Barnabas was known as the "son of encouragement." Do you know or have a Barnabas in your life? What can you do to become a son or daughter of encouragement?

## **Prayer**

Pray as a group that you will be people of encouragement and that God will place people in your life to encourage.

Pray this week what Pastor Jackson shared with us, "help us to use specific words that inspire and affirm the people you have placed in our lives as we do our part to build the church."

## **Next Steps**

This week practice encouragement of inspiration and affirmation.

Write out and place Hebrews 3:13 somewhere you can see it daily. Read it and ask yourself "is it today?" then go out and create a lifestyle of encouragement.