



COMMUNITY Groups

November 12, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Who is someone who has had a high degree of influence in your life? What about them specifically influenced you?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. Spiritual mothering and fathering is about imitating people who are like Jesus
 - b. In our increasingly digital world, we need to prioritize analog relationships
 - c. Spiritual mothers and fathers remind us that our power is in living like Jesus
 - d. Who are the spiritual mothers and fathers in your life that point you to Jesus?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-15
 - a. Why do you think Paul qualifies what he's about to say by saying he does not want to shame them? Why does this qualifier matter for what he's about to say?
 - b. What do you think the difference is between a guardian and a father? (Back then a guardian was more of a babysitter, and a father was the one who had more authority).
 - c. What is the difference between a spiritual "babysitter" (guardian) and a spiritual father?
 - d. Why is it important to have spiritual fathers/mothers in our life? Who has played that role for you?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 4:16-20
 - a. What are the spiritual qualities you look for in a person who you want to imitate? Why are those qualities important?
 - b. How has our increasingly digital world made it difficult to prioritize these types of relationships? How has it made it easier?
 - c. He tells them he will come to them soon to remind them what true power in God's kingdom looks like. How would you define true power in God's kingdom? (See 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:4 for more). What is it not?
 - d. Why is that type of power hard to live out in our current world? Why is it easier to use "talk" to display our power?

CLOSING

1. How can you live out God's power through humility?
2. Who do you know in your life that does this well? They are perceived as powerful, godly people, yet you would describe them as humble?
3. Pray