

It Takes a Village
Week's Reading: OPEN
Discussion Guide: May 8, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

OPEN:

- Who are the people that have made the biggest impression on you in your life? What did they do to make such an impression?

READ and ASK: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Philippians 2:22, 2 Timothy 1:1-5, Ephesians 6:1-4, Acts 2:42-27

- How do these texts display a "village" approach to the church?
 - o VILLAGE= the church family you are a part of consisting of spiritual moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents etc...)
 - o How do you think churches typically do in thinking of themselves primarily as a spiritual family? Why do you think that?
- How have you benefited from a "village"?
 - o When did you realize you needed a village?
- How should parents strike a balance between taking responsibility of training their kids in the ways of the Lord, and utilizing the value of their village (the church)?
 - o Which side have you struggled most with? Take your responsibility as a parent or embracing the church family as an asset?

APPLY:

- What was your biggest take away from Sunday's "sermon"?
- How have you felt inadequate or unqualified to be a "spiritual parent" (whether you are a biological parent or not)?
 - o How do you need to step in to be a spiritual influencer in our church?
- NEXT STEP: Of all the things discussed this week, one is one clear action step you need to take?

Memory Work:

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. - Deuteronomy 6:5-7a

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:1-11