

Message: Father's Day | Toby Slough | June 21, 2020

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

During worship we sang "I open my heart to You now, so do what only You can" (Touch of Heaven/Hillsong). God put it his way when describing himself in Jeremiah 32:27 "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

1. Think back to a time and place when God did what only God can do. Can you share of when his faithfulness was demonstrated to you?
2. What are you trusting God for today that is stretching your faith to believe God?
3. What are the scriptures and promises you hold on to when your faith is stretched, and you cling to God?

Building a Legacy

1 Thessalonians 2: 11-12 "For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory."

In every phase and place of life, we as believers in Jesus Christ are called to encourage, comfort and inspire others to desire to live for God. Hebrews 10:24 says it this way "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds".

1. Describe what it means to you to 'encourage, comfort and inspire others'?
2. Who has modeled this encouragement and comfort for you? How has this inspired you to crave a deeper relationship with the Lord and model this life for someone else?
3. What does it require to live a life centered on 'encouraging, comforting and inspiring others'? Are you willing to make the decisions necessary to live that life?

You Are Doing Better Than You Think

Christ centered fatherhood (and motherhood) is one of the most difficult, yet necessary, roles ever created. The power of a God centered parent is not found in the highlight reels but the quiet moments, the consistent compassion and obedience that will shape their lives. This command and role of 'encouraging, comforting and inspiring' spans every age and phase of life.

1. How can we grow in our role to 'encourage, comfort and inspire' our children (whatever age they may be)?
2. How can I grow in my ability to receive encouragement, comfort and inspiration from others?
3. In our drive to be Difference Makers, isn't it really about 'encouraging, comforting and inspiring' others? How can we do this for our spouse and children at home but also for others in the marketplace, work or anywhere?