

Discussion Questions

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Belong: Kids in Community

1. What has been your exposure to kids and youth? What thoughts and inferences about the next generation have your interactions developed (both positive and negative)?
2. What are your typical sources for new information or spiritual understanding?
3. Shannon stated in the sermon that "The community is vital to the development of our youth." How have you personally experienced the influence of community in your spiritual life, and how can we strengthen that same opportunity for our children?
4. In what ways can investing in the younger generation help deepen your own faith or maturity?
5. What lessons about faith, trust, or humility have you learned from observing or interacting with children? How might God be using them to reflect His character back to us?
6. Like Josiah influenced Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, our actions can shape the next generation. What kind of spiritual legacy do you hope to leave for the young people around you?
7. The sermon challenged us to learn, live, and invest. Which of those three steps (learning from others, living consistently, or investing in kids) do you feel God is calling you to take next - and what's one concrete way you can begin this week?

2 Kings 22:1-2 NASB

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned for thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord and walked entirely in the way of his father David, and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

Kids in Community

- The community is vital to the development of our youth

2 Kings 23:25 NLT

Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.

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- As children grow, the adults must grow

Psalms 78:1-4 NASB

Listen, my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will tell riddles of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, But we will tell the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His power and His wondrous works that He has done.

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- Kids are teachers

Philippians 3:12-14 NASB

Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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- A spiritual legacy is the most lasting

Application

- Look for ways to be a learner from the community around you.
- Examine whether your everyday actions are accurately representing your devotion to Jesus.
- Find a way to invest in the formation and development of children.