

Life Group Discussion Guide

3 THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO HEAR

Matthew 3:17

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INTRODUCTION

You are my precious son/daughter. I love you SO much! I am so proud of you.

These are words our hearts long to hear from our parents and our children long to hear from us. For some of us, we will never hear these phrases from our father or mother. In fact, we may have heard the opposite while growing up. But all of that can change. We have the power to pour life into the next generation with our words. Take a moment today to say these simple, yet powerful, words to your children.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. What are some of the obvious differences between your generation and your parents' generation? Funny or serious.
2. Tell the group about an individual from another generation who invested in you or influenced you in a positive way. How is your life richer because of that person?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Matthew 3:17. What three profound truths does God communicate to His Son in this one simple sentence? Of all the Father could have said, why do you think He chose these words?
2. Brennan Manning wrote, "Define yourself radically as beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is an illusion." What are some of the false identities that crowd out our true identity? Explain
3. The most quoted verse in scripture begins with "For God so loved" an equally popular song still sung by kiddos, "Jesus Loves Me." Given the widespread reach of John 3:16 and "Jesus Loves Me," what keeps people from living like they are loved by God?
4. What does it do for someone's self-image, attitude and demeanor when they know that another person believes in them? Why is it so powerful to hear words of confidence?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Did your parents answer the three important questions—Who Am I? Does Anybody Love Me? Do I Have What It Takes? If so, how did they do it? If not, how were these questions answered for you?
2. How are you answering the three important questions for the NextGen?



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