



Parent Guide

This guide is meant to equip you with discussion questions and conversation starters that you can use throughout the week to continue the conversation about what you and your kids learned on Sunday.

Sermon Summary

In case you missed it, or if you just need a refresher, here's a quick summary of what we talked about this week in the sermon:

Pastor discussed the importance of maintaining spiritual balance by comparing it to his experiences with rental properties. Using Matthew 12:43-45, Pastor warned that simply removing bad habits or 'tenants' from our lives isn't enough; we must also fill our lives with positive influences, akin to having good tenants. The sermon underscored how self-effort in religious practice, similar to the Pharisees' approach, falls short. Instead, we should rely on Jesus and the Holy Spirit to genuinely transform us, ensuring our spiritual house remains in good hands and spiritually balanced.

Conversation Starters

These are things you can talk about with your kids to help further the conversation about what they may have learned on Sunday.

- After school or during dinner:
 - Question: "What do you think it means to keep our 'spiritual house' clean?"
 - Context: This relates to the analogy Pastor used about cleaning the house but needing to fill it with something good.
- On the way to church or an outing:
 - Question: "Why do you think it's important to not only remove bad habits but also add good ones?"
 - Context: Discuss Pastor's story about the bad tenants and the empty house.
- Before bedtime:
 - Question: "Can you think of a good 'tenant' or habit we can invite into our lives?"
 - Context: Reflect on the idea of filling our lives with positive influences as mentioned in the sermon.
- During a family activity:
 - Question: "How do you think Jesus helps us keep our 'spiritual house' strong and pure?"
 - Context: Consider Pastor's point about relying on Jesus and the Holy Spirit for true transformation.
- While driving or walking together:
 - Question: "What did you learn from Pastor's stories about being a landlord and how they relate to our spiritual lives?"
 - Context: Encourage kids to connect the real-life examples with their spiritual journey.