



Before, Beside and Behind!

MAIN POINT:

Consistency in your life is developed by surrounding yourself with godly mentoring both for yourself and others!

KEY VERSE:

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

2 Timothy 2:2

BRING IT UP:

On Sunday, Pastor Nick put a bow on our Ditch the Lid series by talking about the value of a mentoring relationship in your life. A lot of things in our lives, especially resolutions that we try to make, end up fizzling out after a while. What causes this? Why can't we always stick with something? The same is true for our spiritual lives. We can try to make some good changes but, if we aren't creating a foundation of sustainability, we will always revert back to our old way of living. Through the recently published Faith Engagement Assessment, we have attempted to get everyone to consider what changes they need to be making in several different areas in their lives. The caveat is that if you strive to make these changes on your own, no real progress will be made and sustainability won't be achieved.

- ◆ What was your biggest takeaway from the message Sunday?

TALK IT OVER:

We've all heard it: saying you're going to do something and actually doing it are two completely different things. How many times have you set out to accomplish something in your life only to see your excitement and, ultimately, the results wane?

- ◆ Considering the goals you had set in place at the beginning of the year, how would you say you are doing with accomplishing them so far?
- ◆ What has been the biggest hurdle for you to overcome in this area?

Nick taught through a formula from Paul in Second Timothy regarding the value of accountability and mentorship and the role that they play in the sustaining of our spiritual growth.

[Read 2 Timothy 2:2]

- ◆ In what way do you see the value of having “one in front, one beside and one behind” in these verses?
- ◆ What is the value of influence from each one of these aspects?

THINK IT THROUGH:

One in front

- ◆ What value have you experienced from having someone “before you” to pour into your life?
- ◆ Who is the “one in front” in your life?

If you don't have someone in this position, what steps are you going to take to fill this in your life?

One beside

- ◆ What value have you experienced from having someone “beside you” in your life?
- ◆ Who is the “one beside you” in your life?

If you don't have someone in this position, what steps are you going to take to fill this in your life?

One behind

- ◆ What value have you experienced from having someone “behind you” that you can mentor/disciple?
- ◆ Is there anyone in this position for you?

If you don't have someone in this position, what steps are you going to take to find people for this role?

WORK IT OUT:

As you conclude your time together, pray for one another that you would sure up these areas in your life so that you can achieve the spiritual growth that you are setting out to achieve! God didn't create life to live on our own!