

A Great Father (June 21, 2020)

MAIN POINT:

Greatness happens one small decision at a time!

KEY VERSE:

“The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.” – Proverbs 20:7

BRING IT UP:

On Father’s Day, Pastor Nick, Billy and Bob spoke about the qualities of a great father. There are qualities of a great father that apply to all of us regardless of if we are father or not such as loving no matter what, leading by example and living for what lasts. Greatness happens one small decision at a time and it is something that we all can achieve if we love no matter what and prove our love to God by how we treat others! Make the hard choice to match your behavior to your beliefs and live with integrity!

- What was your biggest takeaway from the message Sunday?

TALK IT OVER:

- What qualities would you say are involved in being a “great father”?
- What are some qualities that you have taken from your father and applied to your own life?

We all have had different relationships with our fathers. Many good and some not so good. Nick spoke to the sheer impact fatherhood has on both fathers and children. Children long for the attention and support of their fathers while many fathers are, by their own admission, completely in over their head. On Sunday, we learned about greatness qualities that we can all apply to ourselves and the truth that we pass along both good and bad qualities.

[Read Proverbs 20:7]

- Of what value does integrity have in your life?
- In what way have you seen or experienced integrity (or the lack thereof) passed along to other people and/or future generations?

THINK IT THROUGH:

We discussed qualities of a great father. These qualities may have been a part of our upbringing while some may not have. Regardless, these are transcendent qualities that, if applied to our own lives (father or not), could change the very landscape of our world.

Love no matter what

- In what way has your love been conditional rather than unconditional in the past?
- What example has God been for you on how to love unconditionally?

Lead by example

- “Everyone has influence.” How many people can you think of that you have influence with?
- What are some ways that you will commit to leading by example to these people?

Live for what lasts

- In what way can your perspective be long term rather than short term? Of what value does this bring?

WORK IT OUT:

As you finish up your group time, take the time to pray over these “greatness qualities”. What are some ways that you will apply them to your life? How can you encourage those in your group to do the same?