



## “Construction Crew”

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### Matthew 22:37-40

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the construction rests on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crew.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

**Proverbs 22:6** “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

### Welcome a Child

1. E \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 9:36

2. U \_\_\_\_\_

3. M \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 5:16

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### Ice Breaker

Did you have any non-family adults influence you as a child, what role did they play in your life?

### Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message?

Was there a scripture, principle or action step that has stuck with you?

### Scripture

#### Read Matthew 22:37-40

Why do you think Jesus emphasized loving God with our heart, soul and mind?

How is loving God related to loving people?

In what way do you want to grow in love towards: God, your family, yourself? How might you do so?

#### Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11

The assumption is that we can't be all God created us to be without other people building us up and encouraging us. We too need to build up and encourage others.

How good are you at this right now?

Think in terms of your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and others.

What are some concrete, tangible ways you could create a habit of building up and encouraging others?

#### Read Mark 9:33-37

As a disciple, how would you feel when Jesus asked about the argument?

Why does Jesus use the child as an object lesson of true greatness in the kingdom?

What does it look like to welcome a child?

In the message Ben explained that it is crucial for kids to have adults other than their parents as people of influence. It's been called the 5:1 ratio, five adults other than parents who have a positive influence in their lives.

How can you take advantage of the opportunity you have to celebrate, encourage and bless the kids in your life?

- **Embrace** the opportunity
- **Understand** where they are at
- **Model** what it means to grow in faith

### **Application**

Discuss and define how to put these three challenges into action

### **Pray**