



Back to School Blessing

CLOSER LOOK: 08.20.2023

“The Power of Play”

Scripture: (*all in NASB1995 unless noted otherwise) Deuteronomy 6:5-14 NLT, Psalm 51:12, Proverbs 17:22, Isaiah 11:6, Matthew 18:1-4, Nehemiah 8:10, 1 Cor. 13:11, John 2:1-3, John 2:7-11

Ice Breaker: What was it like growing up? What did the concept of *play* look like for you?

Message Notes:

- Society forces children to grow up too quickly...it is essential for us to find ways to slow down and bring joy back into our home.
- PLAY is essential because it...
 1. Makes way for relationships
 2. Makes memories
 3. Lightens the load in our spirit
 4. Lets kids be kids
 5. Is better than screen time
 6. Reveals priorities/values
 7. Slows us down
 8. Requires intentionality

Prayer:

Share any prayer requests and praises in the group.

Father, thank you that you want me to enjoy life and not endure it. Please help me to slow down, enjoy life and the people you have given me to live it with. Where joy has faded, please breathe fresh life into it and allow me to be a bringer of joy to those around me. In Jesus name, Amen.

What's Coming Up:

Questions:

1. When do you remember the last time you slowed down and enjoyed a time of *play*?
2. How can you explore what the people in your home love doing and get involved in doing it with them?
3. If you could do ANYTHING with your friends and family to create meaningful memories, what would it be? How could you work towards making that happen?
4. What does your play time (or lack thereof) say about your priorities/values? Are you satisfied with that or what would you like to see change?
5. What would it look like to be more intentional with your *play* time?

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