

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 8.3: Mentor

JOURNEY

WITNESSES

► SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1

SUMMARY:

Elijah mentored Elisha. Paul mentored Timothy. Jesus mentored His disciples. Mentoring is an important part of the Christian walk. This week students are discussing the value and importance of mentorship in the lives of disciples. We see in 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 that this church was very dear to Paul and because he, Timothy, and Silas took the time and effort to pour into the church community, the Thessalonian church had a tremendous influence on the world around it. This is exactly how the gospel is supposed to spread, by Christians being mentored by someone and then turning around and being an example for others.

Jesus lived with the disciples and taught them and instructed them to do the same with others. Also, they would need to enlist others to continue the mission, so that the gospel could spread to the entire world. As a witness, God wants students not only to be mentored and disciplined, but to mentor others, to continue the mission of the original disciples and make disciples of all nations.

► DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- What is one thing that someone older and wiser has taught you?
- One is one piece of advice that you would give someone who just heard about Christ?
- In what areas of your life could you use some advice or guidance right now?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

► CORE VERSE

Luke 6:39-40

► CORE CONCEPTS

We must seek mature Christians to be mentors, but must also endeavor to mentor others.

Spiritual Mentor: An experienced and trusted Christian who gives advice and guidance