

HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, October 18, 2020: “EPICENTER: The Power of Relationship”... I Kings 8:52-53

Thinking about it:

We are all too aware of gang violence and graffiti in our streets. What do you think is the draw for young people to join a gang?

Our “Beauty for Ashes” video taught us about the most common recruitment strategy that entraps young people into the exploitation of human trafficking. What vulnerabilities do exploiters look for in targeting recruits?

What are some reasons college students endure “hazing” in the pledging process to become part of a fraternity?

What are some of the personal needs that some adults seek to fill by being part of fraternal orders/societies?

How do healthy families help mitigate the vulnerability of individuals to the dangerous/harmful enticements of such groups?

How is The Church supposed to help mitigate the vulnerability individuals have to dangerous/harmful enticements?

From Sunday’s Message: “EPICENTER: The Power of Relationship... I Kings 8:52-53

Solomon’s prayer asks God to pay attention to the pleas of His people, Israel, as they are His “inheritance”. Inheritance is indicative of “legacy” or “estate” or “heritage”... largely understood in the context of family relationships. It is bigger than a monetary amount passed down at times of death, it is traits, ideologies, purposes that can be passed down to sustain the legacy of the loved one. In essence, God’s people are His FAMILY. This relationship is mutually beneficial and fulfilling! It makes us stewards of God’s legacy, estate, and heritage that fulfills His desire to pour His good and perfect purpose into us and through us to the world. It also gives the incredible inheritance of His provision, now and forever!

(you can watch the message at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CerritosNazarene>)

Read & consider: *How is The Church to walk in this mutually fulfilling “inheritance” relationship?*

Romans 8:29

Hebrews 2:11

II Corinthians 5:16-21

I Corinthians, Ch. 12

PRAY: *Thank God for His love that cherishes us and gave himself for us to become His children in faith and His “Bride” of The Church! We are His inheritance and He is ours! Ask Him how he wants YOU to participate in The Church and His legacy in our world. Commit to be a good steward of His good and perfect purpose as His FAMILY!*