

Sunday March 3rd, 2024

What This Means For Me

Intro

- Meeting my birth aunt for the first time and seeing the family resemblance
 - Do you share the family resemblance of God?
- **Main Point: Live Out Who You are as a Kid of the King**
- **Main Question: How do I live as a Kid of the King?**
- Colossians 3:12-17
 - Background: Jesus supremacy
 - Ch. 1: transferred domain of darkness
 - Ch. 2: rooted and built up, substance
 - Ch. 3: seek the things above, you've died, put to death, put on...it is like coming out of fog into sunlight "NT Wright"

1. Be Characterized by Jesus' Qualities (vss. 12-14)

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

- a. **Clothing:** put it on every day, intentional, what you're known for
- b. **What qualities are you known for?**
- c. The forgiven are called to be the forgivers
- d. **Tuning Fork:** discord and disharmony, brings us back in, community

2. Let Jesus' Peace Call the Shots (vs. 15)

15 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be*



thankful.

- a. **Umpire:** clarity, order, sets the tone, manages our perceptions/reactions
- b. How are you letting peace rule in your interactions?
- b. **Our unity in the midst of diversity stand out in a fragmented and polarizing world**

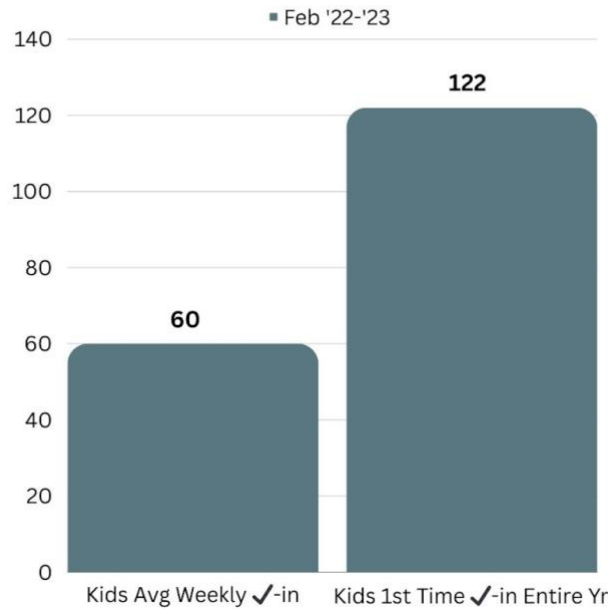
3. Let Jesus' Word Overflow Into Everything (vs. 16-17)

a. **Twinkies:** what you let into your body affects..what is dwelling in you? What you let into your heart affects what comes out.

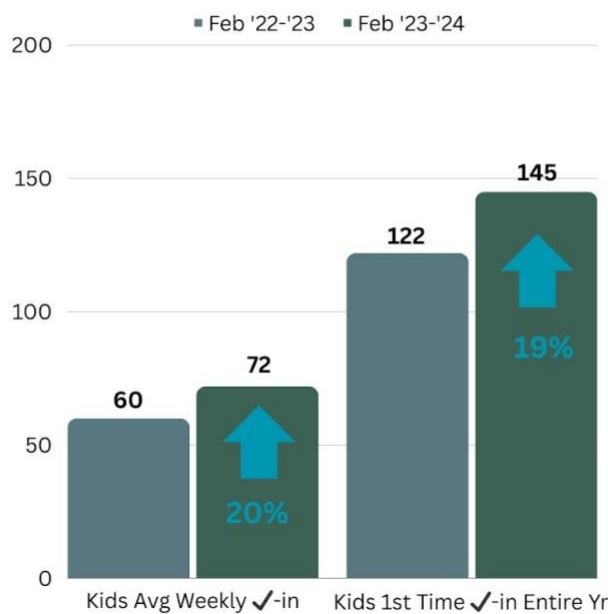
b. Apply:

- Being a part of the family means taking care of the kids
 - As children of God, we take care of the children in this family
 - Millstone passage
- God is doing incredible work in kids ministry here!
 - If you served in:
 - SGA
 - Pulse
 - Sunday mornings nursery 0-3 yrs, kids 4 yrs-5th grade
 - Stand 🙌🙌🙌🙌
 - Tanie 🙌🙌🙌🙌
 - Bar graphs wow!

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- We take kids ministry seriously around here, bc Jesus does too! Mt. 18
- **Next Steps**
 - *Join kids ministry - we need nursery workers.*
 - *Join a group and get involved in lives of families, including peoples' kids*
 - *Join one of our teams that serve - be positive influence families*

- Live out Col. 3:12-17 with the kids God has placed in your life “caught than taught” - nature and nurture (son, nephew, neighbor, every interaction counts!)
- **Conclusion: Josh Shipp**
 - Three marble jars: 936 marbles...468 9 yr old...16 yr old 104 marbles. Making critical life decisions.



- *94% of adults who follow Jesus made that decision as kids*
- Live out who you are as a child of the king. Take care of God's kids. What you do can make an eternal difference in the life of a kid.

Talk It Over

Let the Children Come
 Week 4
 What This Looks Like For Me

SMALL TALK

1. What “family traits” does your family have (appearance, personality, etc.)?

VIEWPOINT

2. **Read Matthew 18:5-6.** Why does Jesus use such strong language here?

3. **Read Matthew Ephesians 5:1-2.** What might it look like to “follow God’s example” as His kids?
4. **Read 1 Jn. 3:1.** Talk through how much love God has for you as His kid based on this passage. What does that love mean to you?

GETTING PERSONAL

5. Being a part of the family of God means taking care of His kids. What kids has God placed in your life?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

6. Who is one specific child in your life who you can show and share the love of Jesus with this week (your child, nephew/niece, child in kids ministry, etc.)?