

STUDENT TAKEOVER | The Domestic Church

Discussion Guide

Big Picture

Virtue is an inner and consistent tendency toward what is good. As such, it cannot be learned through a rulebook, but must be ingrained through the repetition of daily choices. And as members of the Kingdom of God, our family (the Domestic Church) is our first and most consistent school of virtue.

Discussion Questions

1. What role did your family history play in your own understanding of virtue?
2. What does your family look like today?
3. Who do you know who lives virtuously? How can you learn from them?
4. What ways can you choose to instill virtue into your life?
5. If you have or work with children, what can you do to instill virtue into their lives?

Sermon Notes

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 **“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”**

As members of the Kingdom of God, we must view the Domestic Church as the primary school of virtue.

Virtue is an inner and consistent tendency towards the good.

“I believe that virtue is nothing other than perfect love of God.” — Augustine of Hippo

“How do we become virtuous? Through ideas, incentives, practical applications, stimuli, rewards, examples, models, symbols, reflections, dialogue and a constant rethinking of our way of doing things.” - Pope Francis

The virtuous life is not learned by a few abstract rules; it is through the repetition of our lived experiences.

“What is the right thing to do? Find the good person and imitate him.” - Aristotle