

CITY LG – June 21- 22, 2025

Today's Bible Story: You Got This (Encourage One Another) • *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Today's Bottom Line: Encourage one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: *As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.*

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

Monthly Virtue: Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

WORSHIP

Something Good

My God is Bigger

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, everyone! My name is [your name] and I'm glad we're all here together in the CITY! This is truly one my very favorite places to be because we have so much fun together.

All summer long, we're talking about what it means to 'live it out' because we're learning how to live and love like Jesus! Jesus gave us the perfect example of show love to the people around us. His way is the very BEST way to live.

Now, we've been playing some summer type games over the past few weeks, and we've got another good one to play today. This is a good old-fashioned summer 4 corners game! I will show you a slide with 4 things related to summer. You will pick your favorite and go to that corner of the room.

Let's check it out!

SLIDES: Summer 4 corners

It's great to be here with all of you as we discover how to love like Jesus. Today we're talking about how we can show Jesus' love by encouraging one another.

I have a question, and I want you to circle up in your small group and spend a few minutes answering this: **When has someone encouraged you?** When did someone say something or do something for you when you were sad, or afraid, or nervous. Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

Large group leaders should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.

This is an idea that we can find here in the book of Hebrews. (*Hold up Bible.*) Really, the book of Hebrews is a letter—one of 21 letters in the New Testament. Some of the leaders of the early church wrote these letters to new Jesus-followers to help them understand how they should live and how they should treat others.

The new Jesus-followers were facing trouble for what they believed, and it makes it hard to follow something when it costs you. (*Hold up Bible.*) The person wrote this letter wrote to these new Jesus-followers to encourage them to stay strong and keep following Jesus. Let's check out more about this in the Story Lab.

VIDEO: Bible Story 10:16

Remember, we can show the love of Jesus by encouraging one other. There's a lot of hurt and brokenness in the world. But we can bring hope when we encourage each other and allow God to work through us to change the world around us.

This is what we need to remember today: Let's all stand up!

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Encourage one another

SLIDE: Theme

We can love like Jesus by encouraging the people around us. And that especially goes for the people we know who love Jesus. We can encourage them to love like Jesus . . . while they encourage US to love like Jesus. See how that works?

It's really cool how God made us to work together and encourage each other. We can bring hope because of our faith in Jesus. And that can make a big difference for the people around us.

I'm so glad that we have this time here in The City to come together and encourage each other. In just a minute, you'll get to spend time in your small group and do that some more. But first, let's pray and ask God to help us live this out.

Dear God, thank You for this reminder today that we can 'stir each other up' to share Your love. Please show us how we can bring hope to the people around us with our encouraging words and actions. Remind us, God, to treat others the way we want to be treated. Help us encourage each other to do good things for other people and show the love of Jesus in everything we do. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SLIDES: Offering pics 1-4 (scroll through while describing the mission)

One way we can all work together to help others in need is through our offering! Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. This year we have been giving the money we collect to a church called La Liberté' Church (La Lib-er-tay).

La Liberté' Church is in the Republic of Congo which is in Africa. The kids at the church live in an area where they don't have a lot of money, and sometimes don't have a lot of food for their family. When the kids come to church on Sunday, they feed them a hot meal. They feed around 700 children every weekend and each meal costs \$2.00. Our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can!

CG: Summer JAM Slide

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up THIS WEEK and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam booth after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! Also grab some invite cards and invite your friends!