

TALK IT OVER

TOXIC TONY DUNGY INTERVIEW

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What does mentoring mean to you?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Proverbs 19:20, Proverbs 22:6, Titus 2:1-8, Psalm 71:18, 2 Timothy 2:2 and Psalm 145:4.

These verses show the high value God places on mentoring relationships and offer insight on how to be an effective mentor.

- Who are some of your greatest mentors? How have they shaped your life?
- Why do you think mentoring is sometimes considered as a weak style of leadership in today's society?
- What is the most life-changing thing that has been said to you by someone you looked up to?
- Coach Dungy talked about mentoring with a life of balance. Where does your life seem to be the most out of balance?
- Does the way you spend your time reflect your values? In what areas do you need improvement?
- Mentoring can be formal or informal. Describe a time when you were mentored in an informal setting.
- Knowing that mentoring can successfully occur in an informal setting, how will that change the way you regularly interact with other people?
- Who do you think God is calling you to mentor currently? What will be your next step to initiate that relationship?
- How are you mentored by Christ on a regular basis?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you learn more about the importance and benefits of having mentoring relationships in your life:

Consider reading Coach Tony Dungy's book entitled *The Mentor Leader: Secrets to Building People & Teams That Win Consistently*. In this book, Coach Dungy shares the seven keys of mentoring leadership and why they are so effective. He also dives deeper into many of the topics regarding mentoring that he discussed in this week's message. The book is available at most bookstores and online.

Take time this week to talk to someone who has or is currently a positive influence on you. Thank them for the impact they have made in your life and share with them how your life has benefited from their mentoring you. Also, discuss with them how you can take your next step towards becoming a mentor to someone that God is calling you to help.

Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God in prayer for the mentors He has placed in your life. Pray that God will bless them.
- Ask God to continue mentoring you on a daily basis. Commit to Him that you will listen to His instructions.
- Pray and ask God to show you who He wants you to mentor. Ask Him to begin preparing you to become a mentor.
- Commit to God that you will take every opportunity possible to speak life-changing words to others.
- Ask God to continue sending new formal and informal mentors in your life on a regular basis.

On the next page you will find scripture cards that go along with this weekend's message. These are great to cut out and carry with you to remind you of God's word. The cards can be printed using Avery #32030 business cards or by simply printing them on regular cardstock and cutting them out by hand.

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