

IMPACT SUNDAY

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Introduction: One of the greatest joys of my life has been placing myself under mentors – trusted men and women who have poured themselves out into my life. Mentors are wise individuals who instruct and guide – Jethro to Moses, Moses to Joshua, Eli to Samuel, Elijah to Elisha, Jesus to his disciples, Paul to Timothy and many others. Today we are asking many of you to become mentors – teachers who are making an impact in the lives of our children and youth.

Scripture Reading: John 13:12-17

I. Becoming a Mentor

⁹ *When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”*¹⁰ *And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so” (2 Kings 2:9–10).*

II. Making an Impact

A. Mentoring and teaching is a call to serve.

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place... (John 13:12a).

B. Mentoring and teaching is a call to improve understanding.
... he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? (John 13:12b).

C. Mentoring and teaching is a call to pour out oneself into the life of another.
If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet (John 13:14).

D. Mentoring and teaching is a call to set an example.
For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you (John 13:15).

E. Mentoring and teaching is a call to humility.
Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him (John 13:16).

F. Mentoring and teaching is a call to help students engage.
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them (John 13:17).