

# ENCOURAGEMENT

Pastor Shawn Parish

## BIBLE VERSES

Proverbs 11:25

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your typical conversation ratio of comments of encouragement to comments of criticism?
2. Who is in your inner circle (those with whom you spend the most time)? Who is in your influence circle? Who is in your informal circle?
3. Thinking about those in each of your circles, to whom do you find it most challenging to offer words of encouragement? Why do you think that is?
4. Pastor Shawn said, “appreciation must be personal, not clinical, for others to accept it.” Describe a time when you were offered words of encouragement that felt “clinical.” How did it make you feel? Describe a time when you were given words of encouragement that were personal. How did that make you feel?
5. Within your influence circle do you tend to give more personal or clinical encouragement?
6. Read Proverbs 11:25. How have you experienced this principle: When you replenish others you will be replenished?
7. Who might God want to bless through you today—who can you replenish with words of encouragement?