

As We Are Going: Family Discipleship | Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Main Idea

Family Discipleship is the outpouring of who you serve and what you love.

Why Family Discipleship Matters

1. Family discipleship matters because culture matters
 - a. What is your family culture?
 - i. One God;
 - ii. Love God with all your being;

What We Teach

1. Love for the Lord
2. Devotion to the Lord

His word and work pours out onto our children from an overflow within us

- Requires you to love God
- Requires you to live in obedience to God
- Requires your actions to line up

Our love for God should be so great that it is the most prominent thing in our words and actions

“I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.” (Psalm 78:2-4)

When We Teach Family Discipleship

- a. Ordinary regular rhythms;
- b. Intentional time;
- c. Diligent effort;
- d. Gracious moments;
 - i. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the

Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever." (Joshua 4:6-7)

Who Teaches Family Discipleship

1. Parents are the primary disciple-makers of their children;
 - a. Parents' primary mission and responsibility is the raising up of their children;
 - i. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)
 - b. Parents have the loudest influence on their children;
 - i. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)
 - c. Parents have been given the role to preach and practice the glory of God;
2. The Church comes alongside parents in discipling their children;
 - a. Providing a family culture in the church because the church is a family;
 - b. Providing resources and avenues for family discipleship;
 - c. Coming alongside parents in discipleship;
3. Family Discipleship matters because culture matters
 - a. "And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of 110 years. And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. And all that generation also were gathering to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel." (Judges 2:8-10)

Benediction | Psalm 127:3-5

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.