

Calling All Dads: Teach Your Children

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

Sunday: 06/16/24 – Pastor Lenard

Fathers, God calls you to love him supremely and teach your children to know God through both planned and spontaneous means.

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Overview

This week Pastor Lenard brought us a message for Dad's from Deuteronomy 6:1-9. The passage contains the Shema and a call to fathers to instruct their children in the way of the Lord. While the focus of this passage is on dads, this call to teach our youth applies to all of us. In the opening of the sermon Pastor Lenard called out what he thought was one of the scariest passages in scripture; Judges 2:10. This passage is scary in that it reveals that if we are not a people who follow the Lord, we will likely not raise our kids in the Lord. This will cause a generation to pass that has forgotten the Lord. Pastor Lenard pointed out that we are to be intentional with raising our kids in the Christ. He also pointed out that this will never happen if we are not following Christ ourselves. Our passage lays out a model that encompasses all of life. We are to teach our children at set apart times as well as in the moment. As we walk, we are to set our minds on loving God with all our heart, soul, and might and teach our children to follow.

Outline

1. The goal: for your children and grandchildren: to know and hope in God (v1-3).
2. The motivation: supreme love for God (v4-5): *1 John 4:19, Ephesians 1:4-6*.
3. The nonnegotiable: your own walk with God (v6): *Deuteronomy 4:9*
4. The method: teach and talk about God and his word (v7-9).
 - a. Teach (Planned): *Psalms 78:4-8*.
 - b. Talk (Spontaneous).

Discussion Questions

1. We all come from different family backgrounds, Christian, Non-Christian, and even mixed households. Good or bad, can you share a story about what was taught in your home when you were growing up? (What was the priority or major message?)
2. The message of our passage is that those who hear would properly fear the Lord. Pastor Lenard described the fear of the Lord as recognizing that "God is God and I am not" and then living in light of that truth.
 - a. From this passage and anywhere else in the Bible how would you describe the fear of the Lord?
 - b. From this passage what does it mean then to live in the fear of the Lord?
3. As a parent, grandparent, or even spiritual parent here in our covenant community, what steps do you need to take to be more intentional with your "faith walks and faith talks" from the sermon and the call from our passage? (get practical)

*** New habits and traditions can be awkward in our families. If you are feeling called to step up your game with teaching in your home we would encourage you to take a step of faith and start. We are here to come along side you.*

4. Was there anything else that you would like to discuss from the sermon or the passage?