

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: A BETTER LEGACY

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9, ESV – <sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This week we were reminded that parents need to leave a legacy of faith with their children. This begins with loving God with all you heart, soul and might. What does it mean to love God in this way?

2 How does loving God first help us to teach our children to follow Him in their own lives?

3 Which of the three principles found in verses 6-9 do you find the most difficult? Explain.

## DIGGING DEEPER

A **1 Kings 8:61, ESV** – <sup>61</sup> Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.”

**Psalms 1:1-3, ESV** – Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

4 Describe what it looks like to walk in God’s statutes and to keep His commandments. Why would a person be blessed in doing this?

5 How can this kind of life style be a “living example” for children?

B **Deuteronomy 4:9, ESV** – <sup>9</sup> “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children:

**Proverbs 1:8-9, ESV** – <sup>8</sup> Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, <sup>9</sup> for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

6 Why is it important to talk with our children about God and what He is showing us in our own lives? How is this beneficial for our children?

7 What are some practical ways you have intentionally done this with your children?

C **Exodus 13:6-10, ESV** – <sup>6</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. <sup>8</sup> You shall tell your son on that day, ‘It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ <sup>9</sup> And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. <sup>10</sup> You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year.

**8** Exodus 13:6-10 is an example of the Israelites doing something very practical as a reminder of what God had done for them. In the same fashion, we can do things on a regular basis, have things hanging in our homes, etc. to help us remember what God has done for us. Share some examples of how you have done this in your home.

**9** If someone visited your home today, could they tell that you are a Christ follower? Explain.

## TAKING IT HOME

As you consider these principles for leaving a better legacy of faith with your children, what stands out to you? What are you doing well? What can you improve upon? What next steps do you need to take in your life to follow God's will in passing on His truth to the next generation. Share with your group or accountability partner what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you walk out these principles in your families.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Matthew 22:37

Mark 12:30

Luke 10:27

John 17:3

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Thessalonians 5:17