

Parenting with Confidence and Hope May 11 2025 | Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 as a group.

- 1. What is one helpful, practical tip you've learned about parenting / raising the next generation?
- 2. Share one practical question you have about parenting / raising the next generation.
- 3. Why is it important for the Bible to shape how you parent?
- 4. Look closely at Deuteronomy 6:4-5. In your own words, what is the "bottom line priority" we should have as followers of Jesus?
- 5. How does this priority shape how you parent, and what you desire for your children? What things compete with this "bottom line priority" in how you parent?
- 6. Read Deuteronomy 6:6. If our goal is to raise the next generation to love God and follow Jesus, why is it important that you "start with yourself" with this priority?
- 7. Think of someone who was a strong example of loving Jesus as you were growing up. How did their example influence you?
- In Deuteronomy 6:7-9, we see that we "impress" a love for God on the next generation through repeated, natural conversations and rhythms. As a group, brainstorm 6-8 practical ways adults can have this sort of "repeated, natural" influence on kids. (Feel free to share what you do!)
- 9. Read Deuteronomy 6:20-23. Why is it important for parents to tell the story of God's saving activity to their kids? How does Jesus' work for us on the cross shape the story we tell about God's saving activity to the next generation?
- 10. What is one practical step you can take to live in light of what you've learned from Deuteronomy 6:4-9?
- 11. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
- 12. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
- 13. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
- 14. **Challenge: Memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-5** 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.