

Generational Discipleship

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

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God calls His people to live out generational discipleship – teaching and equipping the next generation – by knowing and loving God and by living out our love for Him as we teach His truths to younger generations.

In the book of Deuteronomy, God is using Moses to prepare a generation to enter the land that God promised to His people. Moses prepares them by reciting the history of God's faithfulness to His people, and by urging the people to know God deeply, and thus, to fear Him and love Him.

1. The Call (6:1-3) – God's people are called to consume God's Word and obey it.

The more we meditate on God's Word, the better we know God and respond to Him as we should.

2. The Command (6:4-6) – In light of who God is and what He's done, God's people should love Him above all others.

3. The Commission (6:6-7) – God's people take what we've internalized – the knowledge of God and the command to love Him – and we live it out in everything and teach it wherever we can.

Questions to Consider

1. Is there a mature believer in Jesus Christ in your life who is helping to equip you to grow like Jesus Christ? Do you seek wisdom from this person? Do you regularly invite this person to speak into your life, and even to offer correction?
2. Is there someone that you are helping to equip to grow like Jesus Christ? If you're a parent, then you are called to do this with your children. But, all believers should be engaged in making and growing disciples (Titus 2:1-6). If you're not investing in a younger or less mature believer, make that a matter of prayer.
3. Are you regularly taking in God's Word? If so, what have you recently learned about God, and how has that knowledge changed some area of your life?
4. How would you explain what it means to "fear the Lord your God"?
5. How might you answer someone who says that Deuteronomy 6:4 renders the Christian doctrine of the trinity untrue?
6. In Deuteronomy 6:5, God is commanding His people to love Him. What would you say to someone who claims that this command means God is egotistical and arrogant?
7. Think about the opportunities God is giving you to disciple someone; maybe it's a younger believer or it's your child. What are some specific ways that you can apply Deuteronomy 6:7 to your ministry of discipling?

For further reading: *Everyday Talk* (2005) by John Younts and *Discipling: How to Help Others Follow Jesus* (2016) by Mark Dever.