



The TOUGHEST JOB ON EARTH

Intentional Parenting

Discussion Guide

July 1, 2018

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Questions for Study

** 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?
8. 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 8-10 practical ways parents can have this sort of "repeated, natural" influence on their kids. (Feel free to share what you do!)
9. Review what you remember about the K-12 Anchors that were talked about on Sunday. How are these valuable in raising up the next generation?
10. 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?
11. Challenge: Memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-5: ⁴Hear, 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.