

The Path of Discipleship
Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
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Big Idea: God must be our priority, so we must commit to discipleship.

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

“Children’s discipleship is a community effort.”

- a) What does this truth mean for every Christian?
- b) Parents are the primary discipler’s of their kids, but why has God given the Church a major role in it?
- c) What are some reasons we often have for not taking this call seriously, intentionally and fervently?
- d) Find and share Scripture verses that emphasize the value and love God has for children.

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Point 1: DECLARE: Only ONE God We SERVES (v. 4)

Key Question: Our allegiance is to be to God alone. What is taking His place?

Question #6

- a) **Rd. v. 4:** What is the declaration Moses is making here?
- b) Why did God inspire Moses to declare this before anything else?
- c) What kinds of “god’s” would the Israelites be tempted to worship?
- d) Which of these “god’s” are the greatest temptations for you to worship today? Why?
- e) How do you act when you want those things, but aren’t getting them? What are you thinking in that moment?
- f) What is it that you really want by pursuing those things over Christ?
- g) Find and share Scripture passages that show how the gospel fulfills what you seek to get from those.

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Point 2: DEMONSTRATE: LOVE for God ABOVE All (vv. 5-6)

Question: Faithful discipleship starts in you. Who does your life show you love most?

Question #7

- a) **Rd. vv. 5-6:** What is the first/central command that God gives to His people?
- b) Why must a deepening love for God with all we are, be the first command we live by if we are to faithfully and consistently train up the next generation in the Lord?
- c) Practically, what does it look like for us to be growing in our love for the Lord above all? (Use Scripture)

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Point 3: DILIGENTLY INSTRUCT: TEACHES God's TRUTH in All (vv. 7-9)

Question: Our mandate is to teach God's Word to the next generation. Is it your priority?

Question #8

- a) **Rd vv. 7-9:** What is God's blueprint for the training up of children?
- b) What can this practically look like in our Church right now? How about in your home?
- c) Why must the Word of God be on our heart constantly if we are to be faithful in training up the next generation in the Lord?
- d) Does the thought of training up the next generation intimidate you? Why or why not?
- e) How has the gospel equipped you to train up the next generation?

Question #9

Spend time discussing and praying how your small group can bless the children and families of Hope Ottawa with a tangible act of love and discipleship towards them. Email llau@hopeottawa.ca with your ideas and to get feedback & support on it.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) **ADORATION:** Lord, there is none like You, because only You are/can_____.
- b) **CONFESSION** before God: Confess & repent where you: **i)** Have a greater love for other things over the Lord **ii)** Where you have not been intentional in discipling His children.
- c) **THANKSGIVING** to God: Thank Jesus for the next generation He has entrusted to us; & how the gospel equips us to love Him more and the children He has given us.
- d) **SUPPLICATION** to God: Ask Jesus: **i)** For an increasing love for Him above all **ii)** For our Church to diligently disciple the children He's given us **iii)** For families to be consistently intentional with discipleship in the home **iv)** To save & sanctify children through the gospel.

Memory Verse:

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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."-Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

