

“The Church Partnering With Parents” Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These first questions relate to our personal trust in God and commitment to obey His commands as found in Deuteronomy 6:1-6:

1. Do you regularly have a healthy ‘fear’ of God (6:2)? What might your family point to as evidence of this fear? How does that fear of God make you “careful” to do God’s commands (6:3)? Which of the following statements most closely describes your disposition toward God and why? If neither do, write your own statement.

<input type="checkbox"/> I would describe my disposition toward God as mostly fearful.	<input type="checkbox"/> I would describe my disposition toward God as mostly loving.
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2. The command to love God would be ridiculous if God was evil or a tyrant. Share why it is reasonable and right for us to love God with all our heart, soul and might. (This will probably turn into a cool form of group worship.)

The following questions relate to the command we’re given to pass on a knowledge of God and His ways to our kids as found in Deuteronomy 6: 7-9.

3. Were your parents intentional in passing on a knowledge of God and His ways to you? If so, how did they do this?
4. If your parents led family devotions when you were growing up, describe what they were like. What made them effective or ineffective?
5. Current parents: Do you find the responsibility of spiritual training for your kids intimidating? Why or why not?
Single adults: Does the idea of being responsible for the spiritual training of kids the Lord may give you sound intimidating? Why or why not?
Empty nesters: Did you find the responsibility of spiritual training for your kids to be intimidating? Why or why not?
6. Current parents: What do you do (or what do you want to start doing) to pass on a knowledge of God and His ways?
Single adults: What will you do to pass on a knowledge of God and His ways if He gives you the responsibility of kids of your own?
Empty nesters: What did you do that you felt was effective in passing on a knowledge of God and His ways?

The following questions relate to our entire church’s responsibility to make sure the next generation has a knowledge of God and His ways:

7. For each other’s encouragement, go around and identify ways you have participated with your church in making sure the next generation knows about God and His ways.
8. How do you intend to continue to make sure you’re participating with your church in making sure the next generation knows about God and His ways?
9. If you attended one of the Milestone Workshops during the Parent Summit, share a truth that encouraged you or an idea/resource from the workshop that you would like to try.

Pray for each other.