

Discipling the Next Generation An Intro Conversation about the WHY and HOW

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 NIV

WORD: God, what are You saying to me through this Scripture?

God wants His people to *love Him* with everything we’ve got, *keep His Word* in our hearts and then *talk to the next generation* about Him. These conversations about God can be called “discipleship,” and the WHY of discipleship is simply because of our love for Him. **Discipleship is following the Lord (“Seek Him”) and then talking about Him and His Word (“Speak Him”) to others.** ~ *What about you? Do YOU love the Lord? What has He done in your life? Who in the next generation has He entrusted to you to disciple for Him?*

WHY: God, why does this Scripture matter?

Deuteronomy 6 says discipleship matters, **“So that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God... by keeping all his decrees and commands... so that you may enjoy long life...so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly...”** (vs. 2-3). Discipleship comes with God’s promises of blessing. ~ *Does discipleship matter to you? Have you experienced God’s blessings in this?*

WHAT: God, what else does Your Word say to me about this?

Jesus said, **“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”** (Matthew 28:19-20). Christ’s Great Commission for the nations can begin with conversations in our own homes and relationships: **“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done”** (78:4)). ~ *Who are the “nations” entrusted to you? What kind of conversations are you having with them?*

WORSHIP: God, how do You want me to respond to this truth?

The WHY of discipleship is love and obedience; the HOW of discipleship is simply: **“Impress (this) on your children. Talk about (this) when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise”** (Deuteronomy 6:7). Discipleship is a lifestyle of sharing what we have experienced with Jesus and intentionally pointing others to Him along life’s way. ~ *Have you recently told God how much you love Him? How can you make discipleship conversations a priority in your life?*

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Lord God, help us **“Declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come”** (71:18b). We love You, and we want others to know and love You, too! In Your Name Jesus, amen!