



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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Handing Down Our Faith
Deuteronomy 6:1-15

THINK & SHARE Questions to get your group talking

What are some specific ways that adults made a lasting impression on you as you were growing up?

What is it that makes you feel out of touch with the younger generation(s)? (One thing we want to avoid is laying blame. Every generation has its quirks, including yours.)

STUDY & DISCUSS Questions that invite you to dig deeper into the week's material & your own life

A. Why is handing down our faith a command for the whole church and not just for parents with kids living at home? How do you respond to someone who says, "I don't work with kids at church" or "Kids aren't really my thing."

B. If what we are to impress upon the next generation is that all of life is about loving God, then we need to understand what that means.

Read John 10:10. What do you think this abundant life—or good life—consists of?

In your mind and experience, what does it mean to love God, not just as an emotion but as a way of life?

C. The word "impress" in the context of Deuteronomy 6:7 has to do with pressing in deep. What are some ways we can make a lasting impression on younger generations, letting them know what the good life is all about and why it's worth it to choose to follow Christ?

D. God has a particular way for people to live and He created boundaries to help keep us on the best, most successful, and wisest course through life. But somehow these safe boundaries get handed down to younger





generations as do-and-don't rules. How do we teach these biblical boundaries to the next generation without making God sound like He's only about keeping rules?

PRAY & COMMIT Questions for your breakout prayer time and challenges for the rest of your week.

A. Feeling “out of touch” with younger generations is not an excuse for neglecting this directive from God to hand down our faith. Ask God to help you see the direct and indirect ways that you can or already are making an impression on those younger than you. (Talking with your Life Group will help too.) Look for even more ways that you can encourage and influence the faith journey of those around you.

B. For the next four days, read Proverbs 1-4 taking in a chapter a day. Reflect on what wisdom is and why it's so important for helping the next generation navigate through life. Find a way for your group to connect so you can each share one insight or thought you had that day: email, text, Facebook, etc.

C. Who are you actively trying to impress your faith on and how are you doing that? How can your group pray for you and the person/people you influence?

MORE Questions related to themes and theology in this week's sermon

Read 1 Corinthians 1:23-24. How is Jesus the wisdom of life? How does he fulfill the promise of wisdom in Proverbs?

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