



STUDY GUIDE

ANCIENT WAYS FOR THE MODERN FAMILY 8.13.2017

[set up]

Describe how walking with God was or wasn't modeled for you in your upbringing.

If you were to describe the spiritual environment you grew up in with one word, what word comes to mind? _____

What word would you use to describe the spiritual environment you feel you are cultivating in your home now? _____

[digging deeper]

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9

To better understand this passage, view this brief video:
<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/shema-listen/>

This passage was written by Moses to a young generation of Israel. Which passages could be carelessly misapplied to our lives that are unique to Israel (descriptive)?

What are passages that hold principles that God would want us to apply (prescriptive)?

What do you see in verses 4-9 that give us instructions of how we can cultivate an environment that helps the next generation love God?

What is our responsibility to the next generations?

Deut. 4:7-9 _____

Ps. 71:18 _____

Ps. 78:4 _____

Ps. 145:4 _____

Thinking through the environment of your home, rate 1 (rare) to 3 (often) how much intentionality (deliberate/planned) and consistency (regular rhythm) these exist in your home. A bonus on this would be to have your spouse and kids rate also!

Connection/Growth opportunity	Intentionality	Consistency
Family Mealtime		
Family prayer time		
Devotional/Bible time		
Worship music/singing		
Serving others together		
LifeGroup / Biblical community		
In depth conversations together		
Talking about life issues from a biblical/gospel worldview		
Building relationships with unbelievers		
Manage conflict in a healthy and gospel-centered way (repent & forgive)		

Take a few minutes to brainstorm a list of ideas of how to do each of these in our homes (use a large post it note for a LifeGroup or journal for individual/couple study)

- How can I get God's Word to "be on my heart?"
- Teach God's Word diligently to my children?
- Talk of God's Word when we "sit in your house", "lie down", "rise"?
- Talk of God's Word as we are "by the way".
- How can we "bind God's Word as a sign" on our hands, head, homes? (think literal and non-literal)?

If we as believers grow in what we just studied, how will it make us stronger in:

- Our personal soul care?
- Soul care for the next generation, especially our children?
- As missionaries and LifeHouses?

[living it out]

Looking at the connection and growth opportunity exercise:

- Which area of intentionality which rating are you most dissatisfied with or feel conviction in and what will you change this week to up your intentionality?
- In the consistency category, which rating are you most dissatisfied with or feel convicted to improve on and what can you change starting this week to up your consistency?

Parents - pick one thing from above that you feel strongest about and craft a good discussion question to ask your child/children with the goal of just having a good heart-to-heart discussion.

Close in pray as a group praying for each other in the areas you want to grow, for those of the next generation that you collectively represent (by name if you can) ad any other prayer needs that God puts on your hearts.