



## Setting Our Kids Up for Success: Discipleship

Text: Deuteronomy 6:5-9

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1. Part of the struggle with discipling our kids is finding or creating the time. Pastor Ken encouraged us to take advantage of moments as they happen naturally in time together with your children. When you think about your family's typical week, what rhythms or places that your family is together can you identify? In the car? At a sporting event? After school? Evenings? Bed times?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:5-9. Pastor Ken makes the point that discipleship doesn't happen on accident.
  - a. Do you currently have a plan or strategy for discipling your children?
  - b. Is there intentional time built into the rhythm of your family for discipleship? When?
  - c. Where does it fall on your list of important family time for the week?
  - d. If you were honest, what are the goals/activities that take precedent over discipleship?
  - e. What steps can you take to re-organize your priorities so that discipling your children is at the top?
3. The goal is to disciple our children, not indoctrinate them. We don't want to just teach our children about Jesus, we want to show them the love of Jesus in every interaction. Pastor Ken calls this "redeeming the everyday moments." As a group, discuss the practical ways you can show your children the love of Jesus.
  - a. How can you teach your kids to love others with the love of Christ?
  - b. How can you redeem moments when your children make mistakes?
  - c. How can you redeem moments when you make mistakes?
4. Our kids learn from how we live. Read Galatians 5:19-23.
  - a. What are you struggling with, or what have you struggled with that you hope your kids don't see modeled in you?
  - b. What spiritual habits and fruit of the Spirit would you like to see developed in your kids that you want to work on modeling?
  - c. Do you also have an intentional plan for growing in your personal discipleship?

Challenge: Use the The Village Church resource included in today's Study Deeper to evaluate and identify family moments and create an intentional plan of discipleship. Share that plan with your group and your next meeting.

Prayer: God, thank You for the gift of children in our lives. Whether that is our own children, our family's children, or our friend's children, You have placed them in our lives to influence. We confess that sometimes we let the busyness of life, the activities, the sports, the family responsibilities become our focus and priority. Help us to open our eyes to see the moments that You are giving us to model, teach, and disciple kiddos around us. Give us pause to rely on Your Holy Spirit to guide us in those conversations. Open opportunities in our own family or through a mentorship relationship to influence the next generation for Your glory. Thank You for supplying all we need through the grace and mercy of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

## STUDY DEEPER

Excellent resource and ideas for incorporating discipleship into family time from The Village Church Dallas.

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Recommended Resources from today's message:

<https://www.sallylloyd-jones.com/books/jesus-storybook-bible/>

<https://www.christianbook.com/minute-devotions-ignite-faith-parents-teens/joe-white/9781589971219/pd/71213>

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/spiritual-growth-for-kids>