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Summer at Highlands • Father's Day • Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 14:26 •

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Main Point

God's Word prepares our kids for life and serves as protection in the storms they will face.

Introduction

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

What fears or concerns about parenting do you have?

Would you say your parents equipped you well for the storms you have faced in life? Why or why not?

On some level, all parents want to do right by their kids. They may fail in that regard, but deep down, it is a common desire parents share to lead their kids to success and not to ruin. The best way to do that is to love and follow God's Word. God's Word prepares our kids for life and serves as protection for them in the storms they face.

Understanding

Discuss the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 (NLT).

Why do you think God told His people not just to love Him, but to love Him with all their hearts, souls, and strength? What was He trying to emphasize?

Why is loving God with your whole self important if you want to teach faith to your children?

We can't teach what we don't know ourselves. And we can't help our kids love God with everything they are unless we know what that means ourselves. So, God told His people to love Him, and then as they love Him, to teach the next generation to do the same.

Why is it important for parents to see their responsibility for their kids and at the same time help kids see that they are responsible for their own choices? How can that happen?

What are the different ways that we as parents can engage in conversations of faith with our children? (v. 7)

God wanted this faith teaching not only to be something that happens at a scheduled time; He wanted it to be ingrained in the culture of the family. These verses emphasize the regular and continuous effort at teaching the faith. This teaching happens when you get up, when you go to sleep, when you're inside the house and outside of it.

Why is consistency so important in teaching faith?

In verses 7-9, there are some teaching methods that might sound strange to us. We don't usually bind God's Word on our hands or put it as a symbol on our foreheads. The bigger principle here is one of consistency. That's how we impress God's commands on our children—it's through consistently and regularly talking about them and living them out together as a family.

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ PROVERBS 14:26.

Where does the world teach our kids to place their confidence?

In contrast, where does God's Word teach us that confidence is found? Why is this source of confidence better?

In this week's message, we learned that our kids will face the storms of change, failure, and rejection. How has God been a refuge for you in the storms of change, failure and/or rejection?

Taking it home

Identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to our lives.

Our children learn how to handle storms by the manner in which we handle storms of life. Do you want your children to handle the various storms of life as you? Why? If not, how might you better model for them how to handle the storms of life?

Based on this week's study, how do you need to better prepare your kids for life?

How can we better support each other as we seek to parent our children in a godly way?