

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord
is one—Part II”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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The mission statement for family discipleship at Glory of Christ is: *to equip parents to disciple their children according to the biblical revelation of Jesus Christ.*

The question I want to answer...

How can we effectively bring the next generation into the community of faith, the true people of God? What can we do to help our children, youth, and young adults put their hope and faith in Jesus Christ?

How did I get to this point?

- *Genesis = 2600 years
- Exodus 2-4 = 40 years (Egypt)
- Exodus 4-5 = 40 years (Desert)
- Exodus 5 – 19 = 3 months (Exodus and Trip to Sinai)
- Exodus 19-Numbers 10:11 = 1 Year (at Sinai)
Giving of the Law
- Numbers 11-Numbers 36 = 40 years
(Wilderness)
- Deuteronomy = 2-3 months/24 hours (outskirts of promised land) *Repetition of the Law*

4 Summary Points

1. God takes the initiative to reveal himself to his people.
2. God reveals and instructs the Israelites in the ways they are to become his people.
3. The word of God brings them out of ignorance and fits them for living in the promised land.
4. The true people of God were to preserve and perpetuate themselves by effectively handing down this revelation of God.

2 Major function of the Word

1. Causing us to be born-again
2. Growing us into salvation

The Bible

- Is God's Word
- Is living and active
- Is the creating and sustaining power of God

1 Peter 1:23 *you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.*

1 Peter 2:2 *like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.*

Practical implications and responsibilities

1. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart.
2. Formal and informal teaching from the time we wake up until the time we lie down.

Family devotions teach...

- That the Bible is central in this family and central to life
- That the Bible relates to life and necessary for us to build our lives upon
- The Bible is Gods word, and hearing from God is paramount
- The Bible is more important than other things

And by doing them you are:

- building a capacity for yourselves and in your children to sit before the Lord as he reveals himself in his word
- helping them to open the bible and dig in it!
- feeding them with the pure milk, the truth
- building a pattern of life in them that includes bible reading and study
- training them to work hard for lasting rewards

Calling this church to be A culture...

The fabric of which is a love and commitment to Bible teaching, study, and memorization. I am calling us to be a culture that raises the expectations on our children with regard to the Bible.