

Leaving a Legacy

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts." - Deut. 6:5-6

Main Point: Knowing our Core Message as believers and living it out will impact generations to come

Introduction: Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

What is one practical thing or skill that your mom or dad taught you when you were growing up?

If you're a parent, what are some of the ways you teach your children practical things in life?

VillageChurch has been called to make an impact on the campuses in Blythewood and in the hearts of young people in our community. If we are going to touch the lives of students and have influence, we must be involved. Everyone wants to leave something behind whether money or possessions, but what about the legacy of faith? We have the most powerful and valuable message in the world, but what is that message and how can we pass it on to future generations?

There are three steps in leaving a legacy for young people:

1) **KNOW YOUR CORE MESSAGE** (v. 4-6).

Moses begins this passage by reminding the Hebrew people that there is only One God. How does **Ephesians 4:4-6** reflect that belief? How does this differ from what culture is teaching our young people?

Read **1 John 5:2-5**. How does this passage put the rubber of v.5 to the road? What does it truly mean to love the Lord with all we are?

Proverbs 4:7 says we should seek wisdom and gain understanding no matter what the cost. What did Jesus say about building our life on His wisdom in **Matthew 7:24-27**? How have you seen this lived out?

2) **SHARE OUR CORE MESSAGE.** (v. 7)

How would you respond to a parent who says, “When it comes to matters of faith we’re not going to influence our kids. We’re going to let them make their own decisions.”

What was the truth parents were to teach their children? How were they supposed to teach these truths?

Why is consistency so important in teaching faith? What are some everyday opportunities you can take hold of in order to teach your kids or other students?

What about scheduled times? Is your schedule too crowded for things like a daily devotion time?

3) **CLING TO THE CORE MESSAGE.** (v. 8-9)

There is a parallel passage in **Deuteronomy 11:13-25** which includes a promise. Read through this and discuss the benefits of clinging to the message God has given.

What does verse 16 say we may be “enticed” to do? How can we avoid these temptations and instead fix our eyes on the One who has the power to overcome?

How can you bind the Word to your heart and doorposts today? What can we do to impress it upon the young people we come in contact with?

Apply It:

Is there a ministry for young people that your VGroup could actively participate in? What can you do personally to share the message of hope and salvation through the Campus ministry?

Pray:

Ask the Lord to show you what it means to love Him. Pray He would provide you an opportunity to show that love to someone younger than you. Pray for our Campus ministries so that VillageChurch could make a difference in the next generation and many more to come!

Coming up at VillageChurch:

VGroup Fair: Sept 10. Meet VGroup leaders and sign up for Fall semester

Balloons and Tunes: Friday September 22nd 6-8pm at Doko Meadows. Sign up to volunteer in the worship lobby!

Discovery Class: October 22nd