



Family Circus

Why Family?

Checking In:

- What was the last spiritual conversation you had with someone like? What was it about? Who was it with? How did you feel?
- Talk about a providential relationship God has put in your life right now. How do you think the Lord is guiding or helping you along through this person?

Sermon Discussion:

- What was your family like growing up? Were they safe? Volatile? Supportive? How did they influence your formative years and how has that stuck with you since?
- We use a lot of things in wrong ways but the way something is used doesn't change what it was actually intended for. With that in mind, what did God intend family for? What are they meant to do, regardless of how your family life actually played out?
- Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-10**. Why is it so important to understand the personal, relational nature of God as we seek to understand His purposes for family?
- What does it look like to make the commands in this passage part of our everyday life in this day and age? What if you don't have your own kids? What does that look like?
- The bottom line was **FAMILY REMINDS THE FUTURE ABOUT GOD'S PAST**. Why is it important for the future to not forget the past, especially the past faithfulness of God? What is it about humans that makes us so easily forget where our blessings come from?

Application Questions:

- You may never wear phylacteries or put up mezuzah on your doors, but what are some practical ways for you as a parent, group leader or ring leader in your circle of friends, to ensure they hear, see and filter everything through a relationship with Jesus? And how do we do that without becoming showy or attention-seeking?
- What stories in your past, where God has shown you His faithfulness and kindness, would be good to share with the next generation—so they don't forget who God is? Whether it's with your own kids or young people you know, how might you go about sharing those stories with them?

Close your time by asking God to help your own—as well as the next—generation to remember His faithfulness. Ask Him to provide clear opportunities to share the stories of how He's come through for you. Ask Him to strengthen your family and use it in His strategy to future-proof our relationship with Him.