

SESSION SNAPSHOT

HOW TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Matthew 22:34-40

TAKEAWAYS:

- God's people are distinctive
- God's people are disciple-makers

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Numbers 20, 27:12-23
- Numbers 34-35
- Deuteronomy 1-2
- Deuteronomy 3-4
- Deuteronomy 6-7

STUDY THE WORD

Tell about a time when you had to do something entirely new--a new job, a new city, etc.

What was most difficult about it? What was the most exciting?

What do you think it means to love God as completely as verse 5 says?

What are some things that get in the way of us doing that?

Verses 7-9 paint a picture of a household fully devoted to God's Word.

What does it look like today to devote yourself to God's Word? How does it look to your family? Your friends? People who don't even know you?

What do you think are some practical ways we can keep God's Word front and center, even with a lot going on?

Why do you think that Jesus said today's passage was so important?

How does making God your first priority affect the way you handle difficulties?

How do the two commands Jesus references here summarize the whole of God's Law?

How can you naturally incorporate talking about God into your everyday life?

How does keeping God's Word at the front of your mind affect the way you live?

What is the difference between having godly speech and living a godly life?

What are some of the things that hinder us from teaching others God's ways?

What can you begin doing now to invest God's Word into someone else?

APPLY THE WORD

You don't have to have a household of your own to take the words of Deuteronomy 6 seriously. The principle in this passage is that it begins in you and then flows out from there into the people around you, whether those people are your family, your friends, your coworkers, or your community.

What is a step I can take to begin taking God's Word more seriously in my own life?

What are the aspects of my life that I have trouble loving God with?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- Deuteronomy 8-9
- Deuteronomy 30-31
- Deuteronomy 32:48-52; 34
- Joshua 1-2
- Joshua 3-4