

FAMILY: Week 5 – Making It Unforgettable

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

Share context of the story *[Provide context by sharing the information below.]*

In anticipation of the blessings that the Israelites would receive in the Promise Land (Deuteronomy 6:10-11), Moses warned the people against forgetting the Lord who delivered them from Egypt. Moses knew that those blessings could lead to their downfall. Because prosperity could lead them to forget God, Moses encouraged them to avoid pride and arrogance and to humbly express their gratitude to God.

Tell the story – Deuteronomy 6:10-25 *[Have someone tell the story.]*

Rebuild the story *[Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.]*

Read the story out loud *[Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.]*

Discuss these questions:

1. What do we learn about God from this passage? *[God keeps His promises to us (verse 10 & 23); God's grace is a gift and cannot be earned or deserved (Ephesians 2:8-9); God is our Deliverer; God commands us to keep Him first; God is worthy of every moment of my life; God is the ultimate Judge; God calls us to pass our faith along to the next generation (verse 20-21); the fear of the Lord is for our good; Nothing is impossible with God; God has given us clear instructions for godly living; etc.]*
2. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage? *[I can try to earn God's favor and blessings; I was once a slave to sin (Galatians 5:1); when life is going well (prosperity), I can become distracted and put aside my relationship with God; I often do not live in holy fear and reverence of God; I need to be more intentional in how I disciple my children; it is always a wise choice when I obey the Lord's instructions; there are consequences to my sin (Romans 6:23); etc.]*
3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?
4. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

Other questions specific to this passage:

1. God is worthy of our love and devotion. Between hardship, the status quo, and blessing, which atmosphere is more likely to distract you from keeping God first? Why?
2. As parents, how do we encourage our children to ask us questions about God?

Assign next week's passage – Deuteronomy 6:1-25 *[Ask someone to tell the story.]*

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FAMILY: Week 5 – Leadership Coaching

The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Grow Group leader. Each week, we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your Grow Group and grow as a disciple yourself.

Leading *[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]*

Are you encouraging Grow Group members to ask the difficult and sometimes controversial questions? We want to welcome these types of questions into our groups. The gospel most certainly goes against our human nature and can cause controversy. Hiding those thoughts and feelings will only hinder your group. Don't judge, but engage in the conversation, seeking to understand the point of view of others. Of course, always take discussions and opinions back to the Word of God. Doing this will model for your group that, in reality, God is big enough to handle whatever questions we may have!

Shepherding *[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]*

Here are a few helpful tips to offer your Grow Group to help make their time in God's Word more meaningful. Encourage them to start their time in God's Word in prayer and in silence, detoxing themselves from their day and becoming aware of God's divine presence. Let them know that it is perfectly ok to mark-up verses, write down questions, and record thoughts in their Bibles. These can become visuals to them about their conversation with God. A great idea after reading the passage through is to take a moment to write a summary about what they just read. This will help them remember and pay attention to what they are reading. Next, encourage them to listen, and believe in faith that God is speaking to them through His Word. Finally, they can pray through what they have heard from God.

Developing *[grow as a disciple yourself]*

Our sin causes us to wander away from God, hindering our relationship with Him. To say that the gospel is only "good news" is the greatest understatement of all time. The gospel is that God has freely given those who reject Him the opportunity to be in relationship with Him for eternity. Read the words of Paul in Colossians 2:13.

"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins."

The cross demands something from all of us. As you prepare for your Grow Group, take some time to reflect once again on the death and resurrection of Jesus. This truth should never be far from us. How are you continually responding to Jesus' death and resurrection? Beyond knowing Jesus as your Savior, how does this truth affect your life?