

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Father's Day

These questions are for the **June 21, 2020** sermon, "The Father's Plan." Please read the sermon passage (Deuteronomy 6:1-25) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE EXAMINE THE PLAN FOR FATHERHOOD GOD HAS GIVEN US, NOTE . . .

1. The personal faith fathers are to exhibit. (1-3)
 - a. Moses fully relied upon the promises of God.
 - i. Moses' vision of the future was shaped by confidence in God.
 - ii. People, beginning with our own kids, need to know that the future is secure.
 - b. Fear the LORD. Trust the LORD.
2. The instructional guidance fathers are to provide (4-9)
 - a. Christianity is a comprehensive and complete love for God.
 - b. A faithful father is committed to the Word of God . . .
 - i. Teach it: a formal and comprehensive teaching of doctrine.
 - ii. Talk it: a casual and wise application of God's Word to contemporary life.
 - iii. Bind it: intentionally keeping it close and central.
3. The historical connections fathers are to make (20-25)
 - a. Father should excel in understanding all the ways that God has been faithful and good.
 - b. Fathers should explain the meaning of history in light of God's sovereignty and providence.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Faith has a past aspect (certain that only Jesus is Lord and Savior based upon his identity and work) and a future aspect (certain that God will fulfill all his promises and that Christ will return). God's past and future faithfulness gives stability to our present. Do you feel this security in your soul? When did you trust Christ as Lord and Savior?
2. Based on #2, above: Faithful people have their hearts and minds fixed on the Word of God. How are you progressing in teaching (formally understanding God's Word, doctrines)? In talking (naturally applying God's Word to the way you live your life)? In binding (intentionally keeping the very words central in your personal and family life)?
3. Based on #3, above: Part of wisdom is seeing history from a perspective of God's grace. In every hard situation God is providing for his people and limiting the duration of the trial. Do you see your hardest days through these eyes? How did God provide for you during your hardest days? How was the timing and duration of the trial gracious?
4. Based on #3, above: Another part of wisdom is seeing history from a perspective of sanctification. In even the hardest situations God is forming the character of Jesus in the hearts of his people. How is your faith stronger or your character more like Jesus today? When you re-tell personal stories, how are you careful to make historical connections which honor God?