

Faith: Know it. Share it. Live it.

***Pass it On***

***Deuteronomy 6:4-9***

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We all have a role to play in raising the children of our community to love God and grow in relationship with Him.

Teaching others our faith (discipleship) starts with loving God for who He is with all we are (vs. 4-6)

Our first responsibility is to teach our faith to our children (vs. 7-9)

Who are you teaching your faith to (discipling)? Who's discipling you?  
Who's discipling your children?

**Thoughts for discussion...**

Why do you think Moses began his lesson in "passing on" the faith by reminding Israel about the nature and character of God (Deuteronomy 6:4; see also Exodus 15:1-12)?

In the chaos of life, work, family, community, leisure, etc., it can be hard to take time for cultivating your own relationship with God. What are some ways you find helpful for increasing your love of God?

Do Old Testament commandments apply to us today? Are there *any* commands that we must follow? Hint: Read Mark 12:29-30, Matthew 5:17-20 and John 13:34-35.

On Sunday we discussed the need to tell your children what we believe. What are some resources you have found helpful for teaching your children?

Equally valuable are opportunities to live your faith in front of your children. How are you intentionally trying to expose your children to practical ways to "live out" their faith? Have you found natural ways to have "debrief conversations?"

Here are a some other resources you might consider:

- Focus on the Family ([www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com))
- *Grace-Based Parenting*— Tim Kimmel
- *4 Chair Discipling* — Dann Spader
- *Discipleship Essentials* — Greg Ogden
- *Passing on Your Beliefs* — Jeff Reed ("First Principles" series)
- *Family Worship* — Donald S. Whitney
- *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles* — Paul David Tripp

Discipleship [following Jesus] does not stop with the immediate family unit. Who in your Christian community are you intentionally teaching what it means to live for Christ? Who is teaching you how to be a disciple [follower] of Jesus?

Pray that God would raise up multiple generations of people who believe in Jesus and care about His mission to make disciples. Make it a priority to pray for your children's spiritual growth as often as possible.