

Week 2 – May 5

1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

As you engaged last week's sermon, were there any ways you felt God compelling you to come alongside his children through the programs in the MOVED campaign?

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 together as a LifeGroup.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

- As you read this passage of Scripture, what words, images, or sentences stand out to you? Spend several minutes making your own observations about the passage, then share those observations together as a group.

Discussion

We are in our second week of our "Next" series. Reflect on and discuss the following questions together as a group.

- A closer look at Deuteronomy 6:4-9 tells us that the word "parent" or "father/mother" is not in this passage. This call to invest in the next generation of God's people is meant for the entire community, not just parents. How does this call you towards a more integrated investment in your current community?
- We are to be "signposts" of the gospel, pointing people to God. As we live out our faith and discipleship, people will see our trust in God. As you reflect on your day-to-day realities, what "signposts" are you currently wearing? As you look at the passage and the signposts God calls us to, where do you feel a sense of conviction and/or areas of growth?

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- God calls us to “choose life,” by knowing and loving who He is and sharing it with the next generation. Who are you currently directing and guiding towards God in your life?

Huntington Drive Campus-Specific Questions (Pastor Becky White):

- How would you know if you were loving God with all your heart, soul, and strength? What would be the measure? Do you believe you love God more today than you did a year ago? How has loving God given you more peace?
- Who has been someone you taught what you know about God? Who taught you?
- Who do you know that needs you to be a “signpost” for them?

Pasadena Campus-Specific Questions (Pastor Angela Lee):

- Take a minute to think about your own life. Who were your 5 influencers? How did they help plant care for your spiritual garden?
- Where are the places where your old baggage is blocking your current blessings?
- What part of God is inviting you to play in regards to influencing the next generation?

Monrovia Campus-Specific Questions (Pastor Lisette Fraser):

- How has God used specific people to point you towards Jesus?
- What are the rhythms of faith in your life? Your family’s life?
- In what ways might God be trying to disrupt your life in order to bring hope to someone from the next generation?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- The word, “Shema” in Hebrew is a verb-- and it’s a command. “Shema,” means “Listen! Hear!” A brief summary of this passage is God saying to his children, “Remember who I am.” How can you create space to “hear” and “listen” to God’s voice more clearly in your life?
- What practical steps can you take towards being a “signpost” of God’s presence with the intergenerational communities and spaces God has given you (i.e. family, friendships, work colleagues, school peers, our church community, etc.)?