

Dgroup Discussion Guide for July 30, 2017

Pass *IT* On

Scripture: *Deuteronomy 6: 1-18*

This passage in Deuteronomy teaches us that God commands us to teach, to *pass on* the instructions that were given to Moses to the next generation. In verses 1 – 2 Moses tells the Israelites that it is God's command that the teachings be passed on through four generations.

What exactly were these instructions that needed to be passed on? What exactly is *IT*?

1. Matthew 22:37 ***And He said to him, “ YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOURGOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND***
2. Obey the commandments of God because this is His pathway to bless us.

This is biblical obedience and living. But how exactly do we pass it on? Verse 6 says ***These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.***

This means that we can not just tell our kids about these commandments. We have to live out our obedience to the commandments, so that by our example our children and our children's children will likewise continue to adhere to the instructions given to us by God. This is leaving a Godly legacy.

God wants His word to reside in our hearts. He wants us to study, to meditate, and to memorize His words. These are the exact words that we are to intentionally teach our children. We can simply start by teaching them Philippians 2: 3-8. Teach them selflessness and humility, as we ourselves learn how to be humble and selfless. The apostle Paul teaches us exactly how in 1 Corinthians 11:1 says ***Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*** Teaching them is not enough, we have to model it for them. We have to show them what it means and how it should be done. This is the most powerful teaching tool.

But Moses also warns us in v 12 - 13 ***then watch yourself, that you do not forget the Lord who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall fear only the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.*** Paul gives the same warning in James 4: 4 ***You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*** The warning is the same in the Old and the New Testament, when we become too comfortable in the world, we will forget God and all His instructions. We can not love the world more than God, because the world is of the devil. 1John 5:19. Jesus, Himself, tells us in Luke 16:13 ***No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other.*** We cannot say we are followers of Christ, if we love the world.

According to 1 PETER 2:11 we are at war. Who are we at war with?

1. The World
1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Lust of the eyes. Lust of the flesh. Boastful pride of life. Nothing we have is by our own doing. Everything we have came from God.

2. The Devil
1PETER 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
3. Our Flesh

Galatians 5:17 *For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.*

The question remains, how can I pass **IT** on?

1John 4:4 says **greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world**. It takes active participation with the Holy Spirit to defeat the enemies. **Romans 12:1-2** *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.* Worship is not only on Sundays. Worship is a lifestyle.

How do I do this?

1. Read the Bible. Absorb the Word of God.
2. Fill yourself with things of God.
3. Surround yourself with godly people.

Do not merely be conformed but be **transformed** with the renewal of our minds.

APPLICATION:

Patently listen as God reveals where you can apply the passage's lesson in your life. Write down specific action points to what He has revealed to you.

1. Am I able to live a life of daily worship? Am I living out my salvation?
2. How am I teaching/ discipling my family to live a life dedicated to obeying and worshipping God?
3. How are we as a family working on Philippians 2:3-8?

PRAYERS:

Lift all the things that you learned back to God. Share your thoughts to Him. If He is impressing a sin in your life, confess it to Him. He is always ready to forgive.