



Rooted: Discovering the Gospel Together

COMMITMENT 1

Embrace a Biblical Vision for the Faith of the Next Generation

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9 · ESV

¹“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ²that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁴“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”



THE DISCIPLESHIP ECOSYSTEM

WHO

WHAT

WHERE

WHEN

WHY

HOW



LIVING IT OUT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Our hearts are passionate about many things — but are they passionate about the right things, the things that matter? Take time to reflect on why discipleship of children and youth is worth doing with all our might. Is that zeal currently expressed in your family or ministry?
- What concerns — or deep “wonderings” — do you carry about the spiritual state of the children in your life, your church, or elsewhere? How do these concerns point to the need for a shared, biblical motivation?
- How does zeal for God, as described in Deuteronomy 6:5–7, connect to the discipleship of children?
- What do we want the next generation to know and understand about God and his Word?
- What do we want them to understand about the gospel?
- What marks of faith and spiritual maturity do we want to see in them?
- What portions of Scripture do we want them able to quote by the time they graduate high school?
- What kind of husband and father — or wife and mother — do we want them to be?
- What do we want them to teach their own children, someday?
- How do we want them to respond when tragedy or suffering comes?
- What will fortify them against the pull of wealth, pleasure, and success?
- What do we want them trusting in when they take their last breath?
- What are your dreams and desires for the children in your sphere of influence? Do they align with a biblical vision? Ask God for a fresh perspective and a renewed mindset to pursue that vision — in whatever role he has given you.

NEXT STEPS

FOR MINISTRY LEADERS

List the programs, activities, and events in our church that promote discipling the next generation. How would you evaluate their spiritual impact?

FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

What activities are actually shaping the discipleship of the children in your life right now? Are you satisfied with how much time that gets, compared to everything else competing for it? What is one step you could take to prioritize it?



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SEVEN COMMITMENTS



- ◆ Embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation.
- ◆ Foster a robust partnership between church and home.
- ◆ Teach the breadth and depth of the whole counsel of God.
- ◆ Proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Disciple the mind, heart, and will.
- ◆ Pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace.
- ◆ Inspire worship of God, for the glory of God.