

Everyday Discipleship

Deut. 6:4-9

Summary: Jesus told his followers the thing he wanted them to do was to “make disciples.” On two occasions Jesus also pointed to Deut. 6 as the primary place where we learn what that means. Deut. 6:4-9, what Walter calls the “great commission of the OT,” provides clear instruction that disciples are: (1) the people who have a relationship YHWH God, who is the only God there is, (2) are called with the purpose to love (obey) him with all that they are, (3) learn to do so by the everyday exposure to God’s word and people, (4) as they look to the life in the land (new heavens and earth) that God has promised.

A People – of YHWH, Our God, the Only One

1. Contrast the LORD with the gods/idols that we often worship. Name the things/idols/other gods that we and/or our culture worship, and why we worship them.
2. To claim that the God of the Bible, is the only God there is often thought of as arrogant, and outrageous. What are times when you been labeled as arrogant yourself?
3. How do we raise our kids to believe and confess the truth of who God is in a world sees that confession as unloving and ridiculous?
4. Reflect on your week/month – what would someone have learned about God from their time around you?

A Purpose – To Love God

5. To Love God is to obey God. Such love is not “action divorced from affection, but rather is affection in action.” Use the three categories from Deut. 6 (HEART, SOUL, MIGHT), to reflect on your own relationship with God. You could also brainstorm as a group. In ways is your love for God demonstrated by your thoughts, desires, and emotions? Strength – In what ways is your love for God reflected in your use of the resources God has given you (physical, financial or otherwise)?

A Process – Learning To Love Through Everyday Exposure

6. Reflect on your life/walk with God, God’s word, and God’s people. With what truth of God’s word have others challenged, comforted, or encouraged you lately? In what ways have you challenged, comforted, or encouraged them?
7. Teaching Moments occur everyday. What moments have you taken advantage of lately? What moments have you failed to take advantage of lately?
8. What have you taught, and what have you learned about loving (obeying) God from sharing space with your parents, friends, spouse, co-workers, etc. this week?
9. What are key “teaching/learning” moments in your own life?
10. Do you every feel like you’re sharing space with other Christians or people in the church, but no further in your relationship God for it? What you think the problem is? Is it you, them, what?