

Father's Day

Fathers of Faith

Transition: In last week's text, Peter warned against false teachers who introduced destructive heresies and exploited Christians with lies. Though these false teachers promised freedom, they were slaves to corruption.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: This week on Father's Day, we will look at Deuteronomy 6:4-9, which calls fathers to lead their families in loving God. This text also challenges fathers to internalize God's commandments in their own hearts, teach them diligently to their children, and make them a continuous part of everyday rhythms.

Opening Questions:

- Share a time your kids caught you in a wrongdoing and called you out on it. What impact did it have on you?
- What's one piece of wisdom your father or a father figure shared with you that has stayed with you through the years?

Scripture/Storying: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- What stands out to you most in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 about God's expectations for spiritual leadership in the home?
- As a woman/wife, how can you genuinely help fathers fulfill their calling without discouraging them? What does that look like for you this week?
- Considering Deuteronomy 6:4-9, where do you feel like your everyday actions and rhythms contradict loving God with all that you are? How will you overcome where you fall short?
- Why is repenting well to your children important when you have fallen short? What does repenting well to your children look like practically?
- Why is it important that a father internalize God's Word in his heart? How can this help him fulfill the commands in verses 7-9? What action can you take to internalize God's Word? If you have a method that is helpful to, share it with the group.
- What diversions keep you from consistently engaging your children in God's Word? How can you push past these diversions?
- How can fathers in the church implement the principles in this passage to disciple young men without fathers?

Prayer time: - Favor Africa

- Pray that the new believers from the recent crusade grow strong in their faith and be encouraged in God's Word.
- Pray for protection for all missionaries and staff.
- Pray for their projects and ministry to be fully funded and for the Lord to provide all they need.