

BEING A *Household* OF *Faith*

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Deuteronomy 6:4-12





The Religious Life of Jesus

- He was raised by pious parents
- Educated in Torah and the Jewish faith at the synagogue in Nazareth
- Took pilgrimages to Jerusalem for various feasts (i.e. followed the Jewish religious calendar)
- Worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem every Passover
- Faithfully observed the Sabbath and attended the local synagogue
- Recited the Hebrew “Shema” (Deut. 6:4), probably daily
- Other religious practices (e.g. he fasted, tithed, prayed 2-3x a day, wore prayer shawl & tassels, etc.)



Spiritual *and* Religious

What is religion? *religio* – “to bind” to something

Religion is a socio-cultural system of designated beliefs, values, behaviors, and practices that provide meaning, purpose, and direction to a person’s life and to the world around them.

A functional definition of “religion” for Christians:

Practices of prayer, Scripture, sacrament, liturgy, etc. handed down to us so that we would be properly formed in worship.



The Purpose of the Christian Religion

1. to properly form disciples to be like Christ
2. to preserve and pass on faith in Jesus Christ

INCREASE IN CHURCH DROPOUTS

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Church
Dropouts



n = 1,816 US adults 18-29 current/former Christians, January 2011;
n = 1,514 US adults 18-29 current/former Christians, February 16-28, 2018

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3. Parents must speak the language of faith.



Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.



It's The Simple Things...



#1

Dinner
Together



#2

Serve
Together



#3

Given
Responsibility



#4

Devotions
at Home



#5

Believing
Mentors

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Matthew 19:13-14 NIV

¹³ Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

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2. If you're an adult, how is the Spirit inviting you to share in the spiritual formation of our children and youth?



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