



God desires his story to move forward from one generation to another. As part of that, his intention is for each generation to see beyond itself to the generations that follows.

- Deuteronomy 6:4-7

REFLECT (10 Minutes)

How would you describe the effect of this week's sermon on you? Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

DIG DEEPER (20-30 Minutes)

The SHEMA - Deuteronomy 6:4-7

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

1. Watch this video and spend some time comparing and contrasting ways of listening.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=185&v=6KQLOuIKaRA

In your relationship with God or with others, what is one aspect of listening you would like to grow in?

2. What do you think it means to love God with all our souls and with all our strength? What are some examples of this sort of love that you have witnessed in the lives of others?

3. Take a look at verse 6. What is meant that the commandments should be on our hearts? What "ought" this to look like? What does it "actually" look like in your life?

4. Read verse 7. What is meant by this verse? What kinds of things should be 'impressed'? How is this different than mere lecturing? What sort of ways are you intentional about this? Talk about some of the surprising moments this has "just" happened...

5. On Sunday Pastor Darren asked a question, What if the Next Generation is to be our greatest impact? What are your thoughts in regards to this question?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

The Shema is about experiencing and teaching what matters most. Do we need to rethink what we are teaching our kids? Name some of things you have taught your kids consciously or unconsciously that you would like to try and intentionally shift.

Finally, the third and last question Darren asked was, What if we rethink HOW we live for the good of the next generation? What are one or two ways we need to shift how it is we live for the good of the next generation?

PRAY (10 Minutes)

Take some time to pray for one another. Pray that God would help us as a community to slow down and to listen. Pray we would listen and love both God and our neighbour in a way that reflects the life of God to the world. And most importantly, take some time to pray for the next generation

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.