

Family Matters Series “Holy Homes”
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
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Modern society has moved from family groups to individuals.

“A culture of individualism shapes us according to the groupthink of whichever social power looms largest.” - Herman Bavinch

Healthy homes both model and teach seeing God in the rhythms of daily life.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You 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. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

A command to love is for our best.

Deuteronomy 6:7

You 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.

Quality time and quantity time come together.

Teach and discipline.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it

Show hospitality.

Deuteronomy 6:9

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Romans 12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

“Let God use your home, apartment, dorm room, front yard, community, gymnasium, or garden for the purpose of making strangers into neighbors and neighbors into family. Because that is the point—building the church and living like a family, the family of God.”- Rosaria Butterfield

Peaceful places.

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), **3** “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” **4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The home is a great thing made up of daily littles.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you in our Sunday gathering?
- Growing up, what was your sense of family connection and priority? How does our culture value moving away from family and independence as a sign of success? Is that Biblical?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What observations can you make regarding the importance of the home?
- Hebrews 12:6 says that God disciplines those He loves. What has been your experience of discipline in your home? What is the difference between discipline that promotes the gospel and discipline that exasperates children (Ephesians 6:4)?
- How can having a hospitable home express the gospel? Is there a home that models this well?
- Is your home a place you want to be, a place of peace? What is one thing that would help you look more forward to being there?
- Pray for the specific homes represented in your Grow Group and the impact they can have?