

Life Group Discussion Guide

A DAD'S LOVE
Deuteronomy 6:5-7
Stuart Jones - June 17, 2018



INTRODUCTION

On Father's Day, there is a deep stirring of emotions depending on the relationship one has with one's earthly father. Some have anticipated this celebration for weeks while some will do whatever it takes to forget this day is even recognized. Whether your dad is with you today or far away or is your friend or a stranger, please remember we have our Heavenly Father who will never leave us and will always love us unconditionally. Whether you woke up this morning with fond memories of a dad or thought of it as an ordinary day, your Heavenly Father is there to offer love, peace, comfort and joy!

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. If you're a dad, what's been your favorite Father's Day moment? Not a dad? What's a cheesy, stereotypical or cheap gift you've bought for dad? We won't judge you.
2. Tell the group about a significant piece of wisdom you learned from your father?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. How was Israel told to love the Lord? Why are they told to love with all their heart, soul and strength?
2. What does Deuteronomy 6:7 look like in 2018? How do we do these things today?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:8-9. Why does Moses tell the Israelites to do these things? What does this teach us about the value and necessity of filling our minds with God's Word?
4. Stuart said, "To do what Moses was commanding starts with talking. But you've got to make the TIME to talk." Why is this such a challenge? What do parents allow to get in the way?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How can you put Deuteronomy 6:5-7 in action as a father, parent, grandparent or family friend?
2. Stuart's dad used Hee-Haw and Johnny Carson to connect with him. What are some points of connection you can parlay into conversations with your kids?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"If he's wealthy and prominent, and you stand in awe of him, call him 'father.' If he sits in shirt sleeves and suspenders at a ballgame and picnic, call him 'Pop.' If he wheels the baby carriage and carries bundles meekly, call him 'Papa' (with the accent on the first syllable). If he belongs to a literary circle and writes cultured papers, call him 'Papa' (with the accent on the last syllable). If, however, he makes a pal of you when you're good, and is too wise to let you pull the wool over his loving eyes when you're not; if, moreover, you're quite sure no other fellow you know has quite so fine a father, you may call him 'Dad.'"

- William Franklin



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