

Heritage: Generational Thinking

Psalm 78:1-8

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I. Heritage: _____.

Psalm 78:1-8

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

incline your ears to the words of my mouth! ²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ⁵He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, ⁶that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

⁸and that they should not be like their fathers,

a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

(ESV)

A. _____.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

B. Be a _____ parent.

1 Corinthians 4:15-16

For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶I urge you, then, be imitators of me. (ESV)

Titus 2:3-5

Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. (ESV)

II. What are we supposed to teach our children?

Psalm 78:5

A. Teach the _____ of God.

Psalm 78:7

B. Hope in the _____ of God.

Luke 18:18

And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (ESV)

Luke 18:20

You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” (ESV)

Luke 18:22

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (ESV)

III. A _____ heart.

Psalm 78:8

A. _____ trust in Jesus Christ.

B. _____ and _____ in thinking.

C. _____ to God’s will.

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Small Group Questions

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What is your favorite childhood memory and what makes it special?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. How do you see your children (or others around you in the family of God) in light of these verses?

2. Read Titus 2:1-8. How has God gifted and wired you to serve and teach "what is good"?

3. Pastor Shaun discussed teaching the Law to our children. Read Galatians 3:23-26. What is the role of the Law in understanding the Gospel? What are some ways you could relate this teaching to a child or friend – what stories could you use to help them make the connection?

4. Pastor Shaun closed talking about what he prays for his children. What do you pray for your children (or friends)?