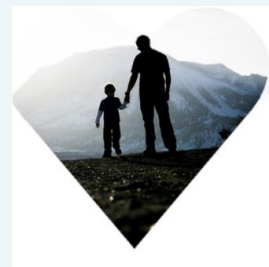


Disciple-making at Home: Starting with Why

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Recently, several parents talked to me about their teenage sons and daughters. They often were bombarded by the teens' unending questions, and thus frustrated by the perceived open challenges. The parents were also alarmed as many of the questions were about church, faith, Christianity, and God's Word to which they did not feel comfortable giving answers.



After empathizing with them and providing encouragement, I usually would add a comment that they were surprised to hear. What happened to these exhausted parents is already described in **Deuteronomy 6:20-25**. As the children are curious about their parents' personal obedience to God and His Word, their question (v20) prompts a meaningful family discussion that could lead to sharing the Gospel. In their replies, the parents explain:

- **past** lives as slaves in Egypt, and God's deliverance and promise for His people (vv21-23)
- God's grace and protection **everyday** as they follow His Word (v24)
- close relationship with God **from now on** (v25).



In short, you as parents can turn your children's seemingly nagging questions into teaching moments that God's plan and salvation can be shared and explained to the next generation. This is also the opportunity that you can guide the children on their faith journey through their own faith experiences, and the fruit of the relationship with God in daily life.

With the current lock-down due to COVID-19, families are spending a lot more time together at home. As I have been thinking about how families respond to this unprecedented crisis, this can also be a fruitful, not fearful, occasion in which faith-filled conversations can take place:

- How has your day been?
- Did you experience God today? Tell us more.
- What has God done for or taught you?
- What do we need to ask God for help?

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