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Ice Breaker: Who has taught you the most valuable lesson in your life?

1. Share something that stood out to you during your personal Bible reading this week.
2. Moses begins this passage by explaining that these commandments come from God.
 - a. Why did Moses consider it important to begin with the author of these commands?
 - b. How were the Israelites to show that they feared God?
 - c. What was their benefit for following the commands of God?
3. In Deuteronomy 6:4, Moses exclaimed that "The LORD our God, the LORD is one." At first glance this may seem to be an interjection that does not fit the surrounding verses, but Moses clearly added this for a reason.
 - a. Why was it important for Israel to remember that God is one?
 - b. Though we intellectually agree that there is only one God, why must our hearts accept this also, and what does this look like? (Deuteronomy 5:7-10)
4. Moses frequently uses repetition in this passage. Identify all of the categories of repetition in Deuteronomy 6:4-9.
 - a. Is Moses prescribing exact actions that we are to take, or examples of how to disciple?
 - b. List the times, places, and types of reminders that Moses gives. Considering these, how important and frequent should this be in our lives?
 - c. Personal application: What changes do you need to make to become a better discipler?
5. Discipleship can only be accomplished by living the life you desire to teach. Read Philippians 3:17-20 and contrast the two types of individuals.
 - a. Not only are we to obey God's commands, but we are also to teach them and show them to others by the way we live. How can we intentionally and humbly set a Godly example with our lives? Consider John 13:34-35, Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Corinthians 11:1, and Romans 12:9-13.

I. God's Word is our foundation for success in all discipleship. (vv 1-2)

- A. What is discipleship?
- B. God told Moses to instruct Israel with His Word on how to live in the promised land. (vv 1-2)
- C. Israel was to live according to the law of God as they possessed the land He had given them. (v 1)
- D. Israel's obedience to the law would help them to fear God. (v 2)
- E. Israel's obedience to the law would extend their lives. (v 2)
- F. Why is the Bible the foundation for our discipleship?
 - 1. Knowing God's truth helps us to obey God's truth.
 - 2. Keeping God's truth nurtures a fear of God in us.
 - 3. Keeping God's truth prolongs God's blessings to us.
- G. How can we begin to make the Bible our foundation for living today?

II. God's blessings are our motivation for family discipleship. (vv 2-3)

- A. Moses called Israel to listen to his teaching so that they would be blessed by God.
- B. If Israel obeyed God, He would make them prosper in the promised land.
- C. If Israel obeyed God, He would multiply them into a mighty nation.
- D. Is this the prosperity gospel?
- E. How does the gospel influence culture?
 - 1. Obedience to God brings spiritual success.
 - 2. Obedience to God brings community benefits.
- F. Is the church in Orange County, today, shaping or being shaped by the culture?
- G. Are you, if you're a follower of Christ, impacting or being molded by the culture?

III. God's great commandment leads to our obligation for family discipleship. (vv 4-9)

- A. Moses called Israel to listen to his teaching so they would know how to live.
- B. They were to recognize God as the only God. (v 4)
- C. They were to love God completely. (v 5)
 - 1. Loving God is our highest priority.
 - 2. How do we love God fully?
- D. They were to keep God's Word ever before themselves. (v 6)
 - 1. Loving God means living by His Word.
 - 2. How can we keep God's Word at the forefront of our daily lives?
- E. They were to train their children to love God in the same way. (v 7)
 - 1. Loving God means training the next generation.
 - 2. Why does the responsibility of our children's discipleship rest on our shoulders?
 - 3. How should we approach family discipleship?
- F. They were to mark themselves as people of God's Word. (vv 8-9)