



Can we find this in Scripture...?

Beyond all else, while we study about StickyFaith development, this line of thought should undergird everything we do, because a holistic approach is key to StickyFaith.

Deuteronomy 6 is often discussed within the realm of family ministry as a verse that exemplifies the work of discipleship done by parents within the home. BUT it's important to note that these instructions to share about the commandments of the Lord weren't given to solely to parents. In fact, when Moses shared these commands, he did so with the whole assembly of Israel, not just to the parents/caregivers that were present. **We call that "generational discipleship"!** And it's not limited to this moment. Intergenerational community can be found throughout Scripture. Whenever the nation of Israel would gather for special occasions such as feasts or celebrations, the entire community, all generations, would be present.

In the religion of Israel, all ages were not just included, they were drawn in, assimilated, absorbed into the community with a deep sense of belonging... that's StickyFaith! **So, yes, intergenerational ministry and generational discipleship are found in Scripture.** And the idea of having all generations interacting within a community of faith isn't a new one. That does *not* mean we throw out everything we've learned from developmentalists or that age-appropriate ministry has no value.

What it *does* mean is that the normative faith practice is one where generations have the opportunity to be together and pass the faith to one another, so it would be a good idea for us to create spaces where that can happen... and that's what StickyFaith is all about!

ONE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE: To help much more than 50% of our SW High School Seniors hold onto their faith in post-graduation years, thus increasing our future church.

September 10th Chapter 1. Why StickyFaith?

- Understanding WHY we want StickyFaith: Why do we need this study?
- KEY POINTS --- (throughout this chapter)
 - Percentage of kids leaving the faith
 - involves EVERYONE in EVERY Stage of Life
 - will help you want to be a better parent, grandparent and Christian-sibling
 - Sources of data for StickyFaith
 - SW/StickyFaith: gives "**permission**" – it's "**intentional**" – and we strive for "**natural**"
- SEPTEMBER SW/StickyFaith VERSE ---
 - **Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Encourage everyone to memorize this for the month of September.**
- VIDEO—What is StickyFaith?
- Chapter 1 Supporting VERSES:
 - Page 18—discusses God being the ultimate gardener—discuss this in terms of planting the seeds on fertile ground—Parable of the sower- Mark 4:2-20; see also 1 Cor 3:5-8
 - Also, this chapter can incorporate the charge of faith that comes from Paul's defense of his ministry—2 Corinthians 10.
- Describe typical chapter formats—upcoming weeks will include sticky ideas, surveys, and discussion questions (see pages 24 & 25)
- Story of Suzanne at the end of the chapter to show importance of involving everyone.
- Discussion questions—What does this study look like for our class in the life stage we are in? How can stories like Suzanne's help our kids keep their faith? Feel free to add your own.
- ENCOURAGE, ENCOURAGE, ENCOURAGE "**Stories of Shared Hope**" Cards (each/every week)