

Relationship...

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 24th Chapters 3&4. Mistakes-Forgiveness-Relationships

- Handling mistakes and showing sticky forgiveness and warm family relationships – building blocks of StickyFaith
- **KEY POINTS** --- (throughout this chapter)
 - “Jesus is bigger than any mistake”
 - The 5 G’s of the Gospel
 - Grace...
 - The affection we demonstrate to our children can plant seeds that bear fruit for years.
 - Family warmth and good relationships help with Faith
 - StickyFaith Ideas... (pick 2 and talk about them) see “Your Family”? after each Idea
 - StickyFindings survey and discussion (review, but encourage take home discussion)
 - **Encourage AGAIN “Stories of Future Hope” {share if open}**
- **VIDEOS** are optional—
 - Letter to Daughter 3min
 - Young man discussing family 3min
- **Chapter(s) Supporting VERSES:**
 - Luke 15:11-32 The Parable of the Lost Son
 - Matt. 18:21-35 Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
 - Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21 Instructions to Fathers about not Exasperating their Children

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- Month of SEPTEMBER Southwest 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.**