

What is community?

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 Chapter 6. Importance of Sticky Community

- The power of building a 5:1 ratio of faith building adults.
- **KEY POINTS** --- (throughout this chapter)
 - Importance of 5:1
 - INTERGENERATIONAL – bringing generations together
 - Percentage at the top of page 98
 - 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—
 - “Jonah and Bob”
 - “Victor becomes a Braverman”
- **Chapter(s) Supporting VERSES:**
 - **Deuteronomy 4:9** reads, “Make them known to your children and your children’s children” indicating there were multiple generations present when these commands were given. Now, with that in mind, consider that in one commentary, it’s pointed out that according to the Jewish people, “Teach them to thy children” meant **“not only those of thy own body but all those that are anyway under thy care and tuition.”** That means the charge to “impress upon your children” the commandments of the Lord extended beyond the home and into the larger faith community.
 - **Deuteronomy 29:9-12** when Moses spoke to Israel for the final time
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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.