

Step Into Scripture: Shadows

Day 78 Reading: Deuteronomy 24–27 and Day 78 of Step Into Scripture

Week 12: Write It On Their Hearts

This week's Bible study emphasizes the importance of discipleship as a core component of living a faithful Christian life, urging the new generation of Israelites to learn and obey God's commandments as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. We will highlight the responsibility of parents and grandparents to teach the next generation about God's works and commands. We will critique the common misconceptions of discipleship, showing that true discipleship involves intentional teaching and meaningful conversations centered around God's Word. Ultimately, we find the call of all Christians to actively participate in discipleship is both a command from God and a vital necessity for faith transmission to future generations.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some specific ways you can 'impress' or teach God's commandments in your everyday conversations?
 - Teaching should happen in everyday life, as highlighted in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 where Moses instructs the people to talk about God's commands throughout daily activities.
 - Reflect on a recent conversation you had with someone. How could you have included more discussions about God's Word?
2. How does the story of Israel's journey relate to our responsibility in teaching the next generation about God?
 - The Israelites needed reminders of God's laws and works to avoid the same mistakes their parents made in the wilderness.
 - In your own family or community, what steps can you take to ensure younger generations learn from those past mistakes?
3. Why is it important to share personal testimonies of God's work in our lives with others?
 - Discipleship involves testifying about the mighty works of God, showing that sharing our stories can encourage faith in others.
 - What is a personal testimony you can share with someone this week that might encourage them in their faith?
4. How might our distractions today prevent us from engaging in meaningful discipleship?
 - Modern distractions, like screens, often fill moments that could be spent discussing God's Word and faith.

- Can you identify a specific distraction in your life? How can you reduce that distraction to create space for more spiritual conversations?
5. What does authenticity in discipleship look like, and why is it important to be honest about our past failures?
- Being authentic involves sharing both successes and failures in order to guide and teach others effectively, as highlighted in Psalm 78.
 - Think about a past mistake you've made. How could sharing that experience help someone else avoid the same pitfalls?

Prayer

- Pray for the courage to share God's word with those around us.
- Ask for wisdom in teaching and guiding the younger generation in faith.
- Request God's help to apply the teachings of this Bible study in daily life.
- Seek prayer for any specific needs or concerns within the group.