

Communicate God's Word

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WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU ARE ALWAYS TELLING OTHERS ABOUT?

The **POINT** >

Knowledge of God's Word should not be kept to yourself—pass it on.

> DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

¹“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Bad news: airplane oxygen masks only provide about twelve minutes of airflow. Good news: that's the typical time needed to find a safe landing spot.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // BIBLE

The Bible is the story of God's work to redeem fallen creation through the saving work of Jesus, who will one day make all things new.

The first time I flew, I was a senior in high school, and the flight attendant's pre-flight announcement included something to this effect:

"Should the plane experience a sudden change in cabin pressure, oxygen masks will drop down from above your seat. Place the mask over your mouth and nose, and breathe normally. Pull the straps to tighten it. If you are traveling with children, make sure your own mask is on first before helping others."

Did you get that last part? Before helping others, make sure you put the mask on yourself.

The lesson is simple: we can't help others very well until we've first taken care of ourselves. This is certainly valuable when flying on an airplane. And it's perhaps even more valuable when it comes to sharing the good news of Jesus. We are called to share the truth with others, and we all know people who desperately need to know and experience God's blessings. However, we're only able to share what we've first learned and experienced ourselves.

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-3

1 When have you seen obedience to God's Word impact many generations?

2 How has God blessed you? How is He calling you to pass on these blessings?



The more God's Word is in our hearts, the more others will notice it in the things we do and say.
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DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

3 Why was it so important for Israel to hear this message from Moses? Why is it important for us to hear this message today?

4 When have you struggled to trust or obey God?

5 What are some ways we can grow in our love for God?

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9

6 Why might some people find talking about God so difficult? What does this tell us about God?

7 What aspects of your faith are easy for you to talk about? Why do you think that is?

8 Why is it so important to obey God and share about Him from a heart of love?



LIVE IT OUT



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In some of His final words to His disciples, Jesus called them to carry the gospel message to all people throughout the world. The good news isn't something we are to keep to ourselves. Instead, we are to share it freely with all who will listen. What is the gospel message? Though we were sinners, Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross. One day He will restore all that sin has broken, and if we are part of God's family, we will live in that new heaven and earth for eternity with God.

> CHRIST

9 This week, take time to memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Begin by writing it below:

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

Memorize one verse at a time, perhaps one verse a day. By the end of the week you'll have the whole passage memorized.

> COMMUNITY

In this passage, we're called to talk about God's Word with our families, in our homes and when we're traveling, late in the evening and early in the morning. The spirit of this passage is that, wherever we are, God's Word would be in our hearts and in our words.

10 Make it a point this week to have conversations in all these places and more. Plan ahead what you'll talk about, probably something you've been studying (even this session), and who you'll share with.



> CULTURE

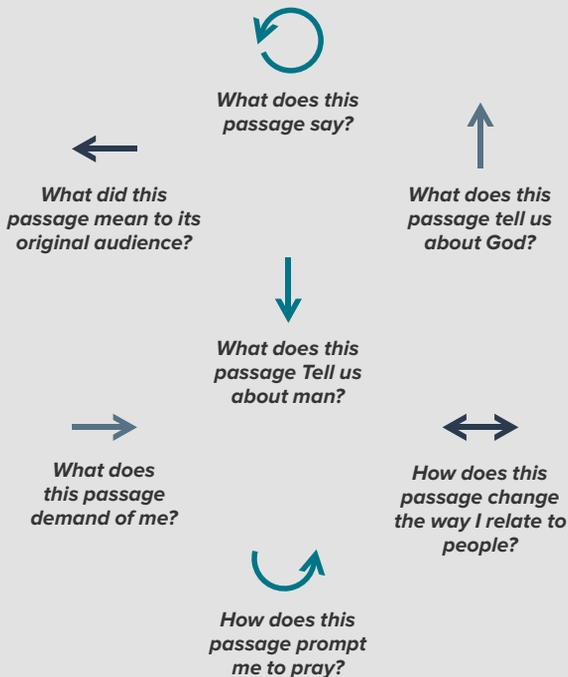
This passage calls us to discuss the truths of Scripture, not only with those we're close to, but with all people wherever we are.

11 This week, share how God's Word has impacted your life with a non-believing friend. Pray for this friend every day.

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One **ROMANS 10:14**

Scripture teaches that we're saved by God's grace (a free gift which we don't deserve) through faith in Jesus. Faith is specifically believing the truth about Jesus and trusting Him in a way that leads to following Him. However, in order for someone to believe the truth, they first have to hear it. There are people throughout the world—both in foreign nations, as well as across the street—who have never heard the truth about Jesus. And they never will unless we share it with them. We might think only of the preachers and pastors who stand behind the pulpit every week to proclaim God's Word. However, we need to understand that all Christians have been called to preach, or proclaim, the gospel. The good news isn't meant to be kept to ourselves, but to be shared with all the people of the world.

➤ **What does it take to be saved?**

➤ **Why is it important that all people proclaim the gospel?**

Day Two

ROMANS 10:15



In this verse, Paul referred to an Old Testament prophecy in Isaiah 52:7. Israel, because of their disobedience to God, had been taken captive and dragged away from their homeland. However, Isaiah foretold of a time when Israel would return home and devote themselves to worshiping God. It would be a time when God would once again pour out His blessings upon Israel. Throughout the land, messengers would carry the good news that God has restored His people. Ultimately, this prophecy would find its fulfillment in Jesus, and we, as His people, are called to spread the good news that although we were slaves to sin, Jesus has set us free. If we trust Him, we can be restored to a place of favor with God. The messengers who carry this good news are beautiful in God's sight.

- **What is the good news, specifically in a New Testament sense?**

- **Why does God call us to share the good news?**

Day Three

ROMANS 10:16

Isaiah told of a time when God's people would be restored to their homeland and would once again devote themselves to worshiping the one true God. This prophecy ultimately spoke of Jesus's coming to redeem humanity and restore us to a relationship with God. However, when Jesus came to earth, He wasn't received and celebrated, but rejected. The good news is that God has made a way for us to be forgiven of our sins. However, it requires belief that leads to obedience, and not all are willing to give up their sinful and selfish ways of living to follow God. Jesus suffered, and if we want to share with Jesus in His resurrection, we must be willing to take up His cross every day, putting to death our selfish desires. Not all are willing to believe and obey this gospel. But for those who do obey, God promises eternal blessings.

- **Why is the gospel difficult for some to receive?**

- **What are the consequences of rejecting it? The blessings associated with obeying?**

Day Four

ROMANS 10:17

According to Ephesians 2:8-9, we are saved by grace through faith. In order to be saved, we must believe in Jesus and commit our lives to following Him, but without hearing the truth, there is no saving faith. The apostle Paul teaches in this verse that, according to God's design, people have the opportunity to believe when Jesus's followers share the gospel. Saving faith is a response to hearing the gospel presented clearly; therefore, we who know Jesus must commit ourselves to sharing with others. In fact, this was the mission of Jesus—Jesus said the reason He came was to preach the good news (Mark 1:38)—and after He ascended to heaven, He called us to continue His mission. People have the opportunity to come to faith when they hear the gospel, and God uses us to share the truth about Jesus and to bring people to Himself.

- **Why is hearing necessary for faith?**

- **How would you describe your role in sharing the good news?**

Day Five

ROMANS 10:18



Given the things going on in the world around us, it can be easy to have a pessimistic view of the church's influence on society and culture. We might feel like we're fighting an uphill battle for a hopeless cause. This is nothing new. When Jesus was on earth, He lived in ways that powerfully and perfectly pictured the nature of God, yet very few received Him. Still, He did exactly what the Father desired, and He fully and finally defeated sin and death. Though it might seem that the world has rejected the gospel, it is powerful, it cannot be stopped, and it will accomplish what God desires. People have heard and are still hearing today, and God will save those who hear and believe.

- **When have you been tempted to question the gospel's power?**

- **When have you seen that the gospel is effective?**