

# You Matter Most

## Families (Week 4)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

This is all our family and our legacy depends on all of us.

### Key Scriptures

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

Deuteronomy 6:1-2

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframe of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families... Psalms 68:5-6

**Great family legacies are made in the context of healthy communities.**

### How we help families:

- Serve in Harbor Kids.
- Take time to see the need.
- Look for those in the margins.
- Don't over think it!

### Start talking.

- What ways does culture send the message, "Not my family, not my problem"?
- What seasons of life are easier to respond that way to?
- Why is it often easier to look the other way in regards to the needs of families around us?

### Start thinking.

- Read Deuteronomy 6:1-2 and 6-9. How does knowing these are the last words of Moses impact how you read this passage?
- Moses lays out the "What", "Why", and "How" in this passage. Identify each.
- What is the "promise"?
- Why is it important we view ourselves as channels not vessels?
- What legacy should we leave generations to come?

### Start sharing.

- Read Psalms 68:5-6. What emotions does this stir in you?
- None of us have perfect families. How then can dysfunctional families create healthy communities?
- What sometimes keeps you from seeing and leaning into the needs of the families around you?

### Start doing.

- Of the ways we can help families, which will you choose this week?
- If you would like to join the incredible Harbor Kids team, email [kayla@haborchurch.life](mailto:kayla@haborchurch.life).

### Closing prayer.

Jesus thank you that you love me. Personally, passionately. Thank you that at this exact season of life you see me, know me, and love me deeply. Lord I confess though, that I often miss the needs of the larger "family of faith" around me. Forgive me for overlooking those needs. Forgive for not taking the time to realize their success and health is also my responsibility. Help me Jesus to take the time to see needs, and respond practically with my time and resources. Help me to be a channel of your wisdom, mercy, and love for generations to come.