

## **“Beyond Ordinary”**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

As we close out our “Beyond” sermon series we consider how we can go beyond being ordinary. As Christians we are anything but ordinary. In 1 Peter 2:9 we are called “... a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” Our challenge then is not only to live as the people God calls us to be, but also to pass along this legacy to the next generation. In the book of Deuteronomy Moses gives the Israelites direction that can help us to leave a legacy of our faith.

### **Ice Breaker (Optional—8 min)**

Who would you say are the greatest influencers in our culture today?

### **STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)**

#### **Knowing whose we are**

#### **Q1. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-5**

In the book of Deuteronomy Moses recounts and explains the words God has spoken to him and the laws they were given to observe. A very important element of his instructions included identifying the relationship between God and the people. How is God referred to in each of the verses of Deu 6:1-5? How do these references both give the individual their identity and point them toward the legacy of faith that God intends for his people? Not all of us grew up in a household of believers. What was your experience with faith of your family members? Who would you say had the greatest impact on your decision to follow Jesus? How have you witnessed to your family?

#### **Q2. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 2 Corinthians 3:3**

One result of recognizing that we are God’s people and His possession to be used for His purposes, is that His Word, and His Law become an integral part of our lives. Deu 6:6 says the commands are written on our hearts. How did Paul put this in his letter to the Corinthian church? (2 Corinthians 3:3) So then the way we live our lives is one of the means by which we impart our legacy of faith. It is demonstrated in what we do; leading by example. Another component of passing on a legacy of faith is outlined in Deu 6:7 - 9. Why is it important that we do both?

### **Leaving a legacy takes commitment**

#### **Q3. Read Psalm 78:4-6; Judges 2:8, 10**

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 lists many ways the Israelites were to impart the commands of God to their children. What does Psalm 78:6 tell us is the reason we are to diligently teach the next generation about God? Moses commissioned Joshua to take God’s people into the Promised land. The instruction was clear that God intended Israel’s faith to be passed down through the generations. But what does Judges 2:10 tell us happened to the generation after Joshua? The people had failed to carry out the assignment of passing on the legacy of their faith. This should be an awakening for us all to consider how faithfully we are putting our faith into action that leads to another generation knowing God. What are some of the ways you can make yourself available to God for the purpose of making Him known to the next generation?

### **WRAP-UP**

As believers we are an “extraordinary” people. We are called by God, who writes His commands on our hearts for the purpose of making Himself known to all generations. We are to live a life that reflects our faith and be prepared to make God known to the next generation, so that they in turn can pass on the legacy of faith. If we fail to do so, a generation may rise up after us who do not know God or what He has done for us. Let’s take every opportunity to extend a legacy of faith to the next generations.

### **Memory Verse**

We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.  
Psalm 78:4 NLT

### **PRAYER (20 MIN)**

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for your group members’ needs: (see back for more space) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Challenge**

*Investigate the opportunities you have at New Life to leave a legacy of faith for the next generation. [Newlifepismo.com/legacy](http://Newlifepismo.com/legacy)*

