

Week of Feb 10, 2019 — Dr. Dave Currie

Passing on Your Faith to the Next Generation

Introduction/Ice-breaker

Who passed on their faith to you? In other words, who are your “spiritual parents”?

- *How* did they do that? Are you doing the same for someone else?

Scripture/Sermon Discussion

Developing an Authentic Climate in Your Life & Marriage

A Soft Heart Towards God

- Read Ezekiel 11:19-21. According to vs 20, *why* does God give us a new heart?
 - What does this imply about the *order* of things? In other words, what comes first—the obedience or the heart?
 - What does verse 21 say about the “heart”? If that’s an example of what *not* to be like, then what *should* we be like?

Marriage

- How is a passionate relationship a way of passing along your faith?
 - What does the Bible teach that marriage represents? (See Ephesians 5:22-27)
 - What is your “passion” level at? Could you use some help?
 - Will you attend the marriage event on March 2nd at the church?

“Perpetual Re-Engagement”

- Read Colossians 3:12-14. What is the pattern, or model, of forgiveness shown at the end of verse 13?
- Dr. Currie used two statements in talking about forgiveness: He first defined forgiveness as an, “over and over coming together again.” And then said, “we validate Jesus’ forgiveness *by forgiving!*”
 - Do you resonate with either statement? Why or why not?
- Is there anyone you need to forgive right now?

Transformational Environment

Love Flow Freely

- Read Ephesians 5:1-2. Just like forgiveness, we are to *model* our love for others after Christ's love for us:
 - What terms would you use to describe the nature of God's love?
 - *How far* did Jesus go in his love for us?
- What are examples of some of the petty things that we fight over?
 - Who is not involved in your fights but *hears* them? What impact is that having on them?

Model the Difference Christ has Made

- Read 1 John 2:6. Jesus modelled *forgiveness*. Jesus modelled *love*. Jesus modelled all of *life* for us, too:
 - Dr. Currie said there's a *chance* our kids/others will become what we are, but *no chance* they'll become what we say
 - Do you agree? Why or why not?
 - Can anyone share a positive example where they have modelled after Christ and their kids/others *have* caught on?

Intentional Transfer of Faith and Values

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9 speaks to the *order* of things again. We *begin* with a love of God, *then* place his commandments in our heart, *then* we pass it on with our speech.
- What is your ratio of your heart vs your words? Or in Dr. Currie's words, what is your ratio of your "life" vs your "lips"?

Prayer

- For our lives to have an unbroken line of Christians until Jesus comes
- Transformed hearts to be hearts of flesh that are longing after God
- Empowering of the Holy Spirit *in order* to forgive others as Christ forgave us
- For healing of the hurts in our families caused by our poor behaviours / modelling a life other than Christ