

Hope City

Discussion Guide

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I'm Bringing Reverence Back

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Main Idea

Every one of us is influencing someone, whether we realize it or not. God never intended the work He does in our lives to stop with us. Faith was designed to be passed on from one generation to the next through relationships, discipleship, and everyday faithfulness. The greatest legacy we can leave is not simply material possessions, but a life that points people to Jesus. Through our words, our example, and our daily walk with God, we have the opportunity to help others know Him and grow in Him. Ultimately, the question is not whether we are influencing people, but what we are influencing them toward. God has called us to faithfully pass the baton of faith to the people He has placed around us.

Achor 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).

1. WHAT GOD DOES IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU WAS NEVER MEANT TO STAY JUST WITH YOU

God never intended His goodness to stop with us. Throughout Scripture, He uses relationships to transmit truth, faith, wisdom, and influence from one generation to another. We are not called to merely consume what God has done, but to allow His work in us to flow through us and impact others. Healthy things grow, and transformed people help transform other people.

Scripture: Psalm 78:4; Proverbs 13:20

Discussion: Who has had the greatest spiritual influence on your life, and how did God use that person to shape your faith? In what ways has God been working in your life recently, and how might He be inviting you to share that with others? Who is currently speaking into your life and helping you become more like Jesus?

2. YOU NEED TO HONOR THE PEOPLE WHO POURED INTO YOU

None of us arrived where we are by ourselves. God often uses parents, mentors, pastors, friends, and spiritual fathers and mothers to encourage, challenge, and strengthen us. Gratitude is one of the

marks of spiritual maturity. As we honor those who invested in us, we recognize and celebrate God's work through their faithfulness.

Scripture: Proverbs 13:20

Discussion: Who are some people God has used to help you grow spiritually? How have their prayers, encouragement, or example impacted your life? Is there someone you need to thank or honor for the role they have played in your walk with Christ?

3. YOUR DAILY WALK WITH JESUS IS A SERMON THAT POINTS OTHERS TO THE ONE WHO CHANGED YOU

Influence is often built through consistency, presence, and everyday faithfulness. Jesus demonstrated this by walking with people, serving people, and loving people. People may forget our words, but they often remember our example. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live in such a way that others see His light through our lives and are drawn to Him.

Scripture: Matthew 5:13–16

Discussion: Who is stronger because you are in their life? What opportunities has God placed in front of you to encourage, disciple, or pray for others? In what ways does your daily life reflect the character and love of Jesus to the people around you?

4. The Fear of God Pulls HOLINESS Out of Your Life

The greatest inheritance we can leave is faith, character, and integrity. God's desire is that each generation becomes stronger because the previous generation was faithful. Scripture warns of the danger of forgetting the works of God, which is why sharing His goodness and discipling others matters so much. We are called to faithfully pass the baton so that future generations will know and follow the Lord.

Scripture: Psalm 145:4; Judges 2:10

Discussion: When you think about the legacy you are leaving, what do you hope people will remember most? What are some practical ways you can intentionally pass your faith on to others? How can you ensure that God's faithfulness is remembered and celebrated in your family and relationships?

SUMMARY

God never intended faith to be something we simply receive and keep to ourselves. Through relationships, discipleship, and everyday faithfulness, He calls us to pass on His truth and goodness to others. We honor those who have invested in us while recognizing our responsibility to influence the people around us. Our lives are preaching a message every day, and the greatest legacy we can leave is a life that points people to Jesus. May we faithfully pass the baton so that future generations will know the goodness and faithfulness of God.

CALL TO ACTION

Share Your Story: Take time this week to tell someone about God's faithfulness in your life and how He has changed you.

Honor Someone Who Invested in You: Reach out to a parent, mentor, pastor, or friend who helped shape your faith and thank them for their influence.

Pass the Baton: Identify one person God has placed in your life to encourage, disciple, pray for, or intentionally invest in this week.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Opening Question

Who is one person who made a significant impact on your life, and what is one lesson you learned from them?

Transition

Every one of us is receiving influence from someone and giving influence to someone else. Tonight, we'll explore what God has called us to pass on and how our lives can leave a spiritual legacy that points others to Jesus.

Leader Reminder

Create a safe and welcoming environment where everyone can participate. Encourage discussion and keep the focus on Scripture and personal application. Allow everyone an opportunity to share, and close your time together in prayer.