



# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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## Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: God has a Plan ~~for your Life~~

### Recap the Highlights:

Genesis 1:28, "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

Family is a covenant relationship ordained and designed by God in order to fulfill His creation mandate!

The family serves as the primary Plan of God for the spiritual and moral development of children.

### How then do we proceed to impart our Values? [Deuteronomy 6:5-6]

What are values?

- (Def.) a person's principles or standards of behavior; one's judgement of what is important in life.
  - Values are pro-active life choices which draw a map for successful living.
  - Values provide moral/ethical boundaries which direct our family relationships, as well as broader interactions with the world around us.
- Rehearse the **What**
- Remember the **Who**
- Recall the **Why**

### 5 Conversation Filters Through Which to Make Decisions [Deuteronomy 6:7]

1. Keep **others** in mind, not just **me**.
2. Keep the **future** in mind, not just the **immediate**.
3. Keep **truth** in mind, not just **expediency**.
4. Keep **respect** in mind, not just **results**.
5. Keep God's **justice** in mind, not just cultural **causes**.

### 3 Characteristics of Values that Define a Christian Worldview... [Deuteronomy 6:8-9]

1. **Enteral**
2. **Missional**
3. **Beneficial**



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### Now Dig Deeper:

1. Talk about values and ethics. "Where do you think yours were established?"
2. Which of these statements was the biggest surprise? In what ways do you think younger generations are being influenced to adopt these beliefs?
  - a. 75% of Millennials agree strongly/somewhat with this statement: "Whatever is right for your life or works best for you is the only truth you can know."
  - b. Gen Z (Ages 14-29) are 3x more likely than the previous 3 generations to say that morals and ethics change over time.
  - c. Gen Z is the first generation on record to not list family or faith as the top element that defines them. It's about their own personal success.
3. What are ways that we can help better shape this generation?
4. Why do you think God designed the family to be the primary place for spiritual and moral formation?

### Respond & Pray:

- Pray for God to reveal ways for you to be a positive influence on these younger generations.
- Pray for God to protect our children and the future generations to come.