### Title: MAKING JESUS THE CENTER OF MY PARENTING Text: DEUTERONOMY 6:4-11, 20-23



#### **Message Recap**

This week's message is focused on the home. We want to walk away with a refocused vision for our families. Our vision here at Northland is to **"Make Jesus the Center of every home."** We don't believe that is just a nice saying to put on the wall, list on our mission and vision page on our website—we believe it is essential for all of our homes. It is so easy to get off center on this and to lose focus. Moses made it clear in Deuteronomy that we have to be intentional.

In Deuteronomy 6, Moses is talking to the whole assembly of the nation of Israel. They are in the wilderness. Having just been slaves in Egypt, they're now on the doorstep of becoming their very own nation. Moses wants to set them up for success as a people with the most important things they need to be thinking about for every generation.

Jonathon gave us 5 things that every child needs.

- 1. A really BIG GOD they can trust no matter what happens.
- 2. Someone Else who believes what they believe.
- 3. Another Voice that says the same things their parents say.
- 4. Nosy Parents who make it their business to know where their children are spiritually.
- 5. Uncommon Sense to help them make wiser choices.

Want to hear it again? <u>Check it out here</u>.

# **Group Discussion:**

- Connect: 10 minutes
  - What object in your house makes it feel most like home?
  - What food most reminds you of home?
- Engage: 25 minutes
  - How would you describe what this weekend's sermon was about?
  - What resonated with you from this sermon? What challenged you?
  - Read **DEUTERONOMY 6:4-11, 20-23** as a group.
    - From these verses, what specific things do you learn about what God has done, is doing, or will do for His people? List them out as a group.

# • Apply: 25 minutes

- WHY: Go through each of Jonathon's points above and ask the group: Why? Why do kids need "A Really Big God they can trust no matter what happens." etc...
- HOW: If this is such a big deal, how can God use you as a parent, grandparent, or a member of our church to be an active part of this? How can you do this at home or at church? Talk about ideas. ie. Family prayer, devos, initial discussion on the road, etc.
- WHEN: When are you going to start? Really? Tomorrow, this week, this month, when they move out of the house? Challenge the group to start this week and come back next week telling how it went.



#### End Your Group Time in Prayer