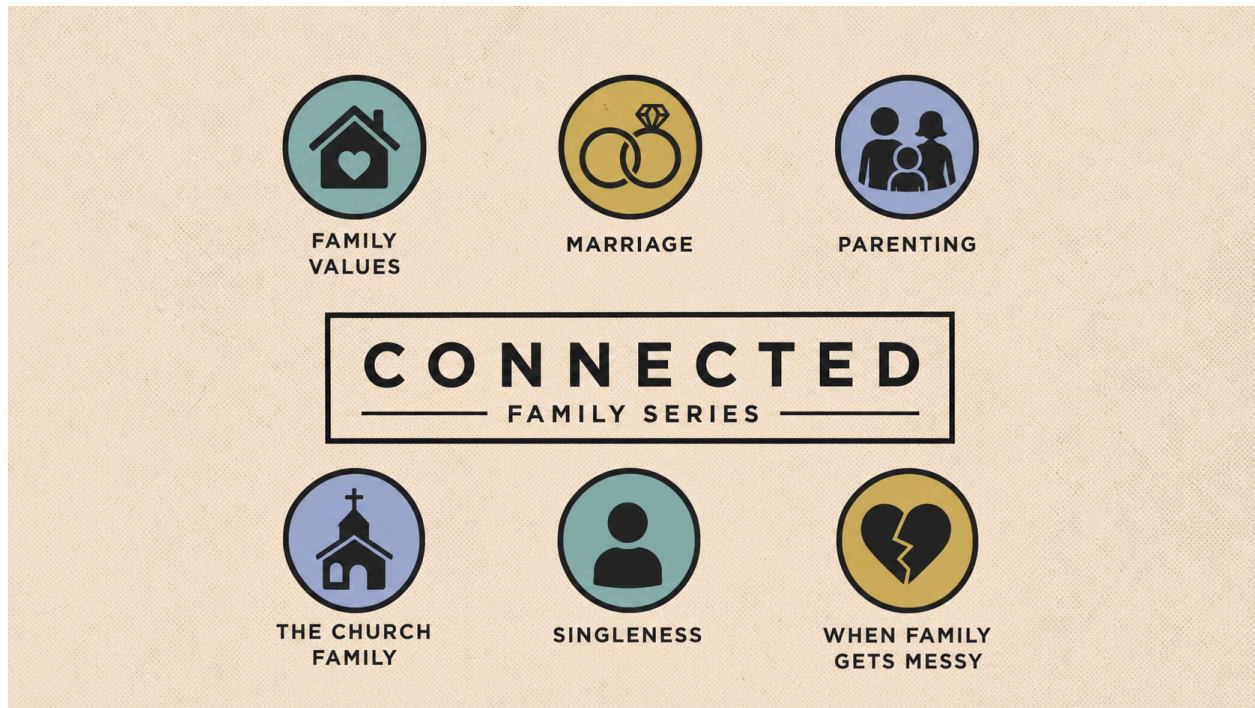




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Connected Family

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Parenting

Main Text

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Discussion Questions

Belong: Icebreaker: (choose one!)

What's something your parents or a trusted adult taught you growing up that STILL sticks with you today?

What does mealtime look like at your house?

Welcome to the "Connected FAMILY Series". We believe God has created us for connection with others, and the most meaningful connection happens in the home. Families are God's plan for life-long, intimate connection and relationships.

This is what we are calling a **"kitchen table" series**. We want to get to conversations and life questions that are on your mind. In this "Connected" series, we'll dig into the

foundations of a Godly family and how to build a healthy home. Over the next few weeks we will discuss:

- Family Foundations 8/9/26
- Marriage 8/16/26
- Parenting 8/23/26
- Singleness & The Family of God 8/30/26
- When Family Gets Messy 9/6/26

Believe:

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Note to share with your Group:

*Deuteronomy 6 contains what is called the Shema. This is an ancient Jewish prayer that calls believers to full-hearted devotion to God. The word “**Shema**” comes from the **Hebrew word meaning “hear” or “listen,”** and it is the first word of Deuteronomy 6:4 .*

*The Shema is a **daily statement of allegiance to God**, meant to be spoken morning and evening **TRANSFERRING faith from parents to kids**, and to their kids’ kids.*

“The Israelites were entering a land filled with bad people so there was a focus on teaching and re-teaching the new generation who God is, so they weren’t led astray by false gods. The Shema is re-establishing a new nation that is built on devotion to the one true God. ”

What stands out to you from this passage? What commands did you notice from God?

What do you think it means to love God with all of your heart, soul, and strength?

Why do you think God established this from the beginning in the form of a prayer for His people to pray/speak over their families?

Was there something your parents or a trusted adult consistently prayed or spoke over you growing up? Is there something you consistently pray over your family or the next generation today?

Read Deuteronomy 6:7 in a few different translations.

God tells His people to teach His commands “diligently”, when they sit, walk, lie down, and get up. Why do you think it says to “teach diligently” in addition to “doing these things”? What is the difference?

What’s the difference between telling the next generation what to believe and modeling what we believe? What are some practical ways you can model this?

What are some fun ways you have incorporated teaching moments with your kids or other children around you? Are there any ideas you’ve seen other families use? Share your ideas with the group.

Read Deuteronomy 6:8-9

The Shema commands followers to make their faith “visible” in their lives and homes. If a guest came into your home, where would they see evidence of your faith? Not just in what is displayed, but in how you live? Why do you think this is important?

Another way to make God visible in your life is through spiritual milestones. Did you celebrate any in your own family growing up? Do you celebrate spiritual milestones with your family now? If not, how would you like to add this in the future?

How do milestones remind us of the faithfulness of God?

Become:

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5

If you are a parent or grandparent, what is the hope and vision for your children or grandchildren lives?

What is one thing you could begin doing this week to intentionally disciple the children God has entrusted to you?

If you don’t currently have children, who is someone in the next generation God has placed in your life that you can intentionally encourage or influence toward Jesus?

Let's remember:

“Parents, the role you hold is one commissioned by God Himself. If you are a parent, you are the **primary INFLUENCE in FORMING** who your kids are becoming.” Pastor Trey Hildebrant

Closing:

- Spend time praying together for all families at First Orlando.(Yours, your group, and our church at large).
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 -  **Sign in to your new dashboard.** You can use your phone number or email to log into existing accounts or follow the steps on the app to create a new profile.