**Taking the Lead - Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions**

The growth of faith and relationships within the family depends heavily on how parents assume and accomplish their God-given responsibilities. They are to take the lead in loving God first and obeying His commandments. After which, they are to pass on to their children what they know about God and have experienced with Him, cultivating their curiosity and sharpening their faith, so that the whole family may enjoy a long and vibrant life in Christ.

The passage in Deuteronomy 6:5-9 emphasizes a love for God that involves the whole being.

*(Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength.)*

What area of your life needs more consistency in showing your love for God?

How are you making sure that God’s commandments are in your hearts?

In what ways can you be more consistent in impressing God’s commandments on your children/other family members?

Share some stories on how you deliberately engage with your children about their faith.

Jethro’s engagement with Moses provides us a framework that we can follow as we seek to improve and deepen our relationships with our children/other family members.

*(doing intentional visitation, listening and celebrating successes, not jumping to conclusions, showing genuine concern, giving sensible advice, and letting them make decisions)*

Which one do you find easiest to do? The most challenging?

Are there other things that you can do to cultivate your relationships with your children/other family members?

If you are a parent/adult, spend time praying for yourself as you take the lead in loving God and teaching your children/other family members about His commandments.

If you are a child, spend time praying for your parents as they lead your family in loving God with all their heart, soul, and strength.