



STUDY GUIDE September 3, 2023

Message Series: Road Trip
Message Title: Everyday Road Trips
Teaching Pastor: Angie Frame

Warm-up/Icebreaker: (10 min.)

What is the best or worst memory from a road trip you've taken?

Pray:

Lord, we praise You because You are worthy of praise. You are a good Father and You love us more than we can possibly imagine. Help us to clear our hearts and minds and to make room for You and for all You have to teach us today. Give us wisdom, direction, and guide this conversation in Your truth and in Your perfect way. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Get Started: (20 min.)

- When and how do you typically engage in conversations about the Lord?

Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7 and Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

"These commandments must be really important, because Moses wants them to be on our hearts and impressed on our children. He wants us to talk about them all the time. There are four different times WHEN Moses wants us to talk about these commandments: when we're sitting at home and going down the road, when we go to bed and wake up. Another way of saying that is that we're supposed to start and end our day discussing these commandments; they should be the bookends, the structure of our day. And, we should talk about them when we're at home, and when we're on the road. If you add that all up, that's a significant chunk of the day." - Pastor Angie Frame

- How would you evaluate yourself in terms of this directive? Consider your daily rhythms, morning, drivetime, mealtime, bedtime....At what points in the day are you growing and living out your faith well and where is there room for improvement?

"We can remember God and his teachings if we'll impress them on our hearts and on our children. There are two parts of this that are important. One—these commands are supposed to be on our hearts. We need to adopt, internalize, and embody these commandments ourselves. Then we will naturally and automatically remember them if they're part of who we are. Two—we're to impress them on our children. I know not everyone here has kids at home, and I'm not trying to leave anyone out. I don't think Moses is either. But his concern is that God will be forgotten, so the way to make sure that doesn't happen is for every generation to learn about God, so they can share it with the next generation. If the truth of God is passed down from one generation to the next, then it'll be remembered." - Pastor Angie Frame

Read Psalm 145:3-13.

- How has your family experienced faith being passed down from generation to generation?

Read Isaiah 54:13 and Psalm 119:1-16.

- What stands out to you from these verses? How might you apply them in your everyday life?

Watch and Discuss Video (running time 8:30 minutes, 15 minute discussion)

- Pastor Angie talked about the Israelites limiting their faith as she shared the first four verses of **Psalm 137**. They were in a foreign land and couldn't bring themselves to worship. If they were here now saying the same thing, how would you respond to them?
- How has your faith traveled with you or how has it not traveled with you? Where did parts of it get left behind? Did it get left behind accidentally or on purpose?
- How has your faith changed as you've traveled?
- How can you build a faith that is going to travel with you moving forward?

Reflect and Commit: (20 min.)

"At the Global Leadership Summit a few weeks ago, I got to hear James Clear share from his book, Atomic Habits.....it was a #1 New York Times bestseller with over 10 million copies sold. Clear says that if we want to create a habit, then it needs to be obvious, attractive, easy, and satisfying. The same things are true for discussing God's commands to love him and other people. Having those conversations when we're at home and on the road, when we get up and go to bed has to become obvious, attractive, easy, and satisfying." - Pastor Angie Frame

- What are some ways to make your conversations about the Lord:
 - Obvious?
 - Attractive?
 - Easy?
 - Satisfying?

Brainstorm as many as you can think of for each category.

Gather prayer requests and pray. (5-10 min.)

Pray:

God, Your presence goes with us wherever we go, giving light to our path. A path that we travel on daily. You give us the strength to influence those we travel alongside, especially our children. We pray especially for the parents, grandparents, and other trusted adults who have influence over a child. We pray that You will give us courage and grace to incorporate faith conversations into our everyday interactions. We pray especially for all of the kids and teenagers in our circle of influence. Thank you for the gift of knowing, loving, raising, and shaping them, knowing Your love for them surpasses our own. We offer ourselves to You; work through us to accomplish Your work. It's in Jesus' name that we pray, Amen.