

## WARM-UP

- Would you consider yourself a good student? Why or why not?
- Recall some good news you recently shared with friends. How did people react?
- Explain how you use social media and the internet. Would you say that these platforms have made it easier to share things about yourself? Why or why not?

**WORD** *<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! . . . <sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.* **PSALM 78:1, 4**

(Read also **PSALM 78:2-3; 5-7.**)

Christians are recipients of teachings of God's word. We are disciples—students who diligently obey what we have been taught. In this passage, the psalmist encourages God's people to listen and tell others about what they hear. In our context today, we have heard the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and are commanded to make disciples (Matthew 28:19) to ensure that what we have heard is taught and passed on to others (2 Timothy 2:2). For a Christian, all roads lead to discipleship. Let's look at what this means and how we can apply it in our lives.

## 1 | We are all to be taught about God and be disciplined.

*<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! <sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, <sup>3</sup>things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. PSALM 78:1-3*

First, we are recipients and students of God's word. We all need to read, study, and grow in our understanding of God's word. We are taught by those who have come to know Christ before us, in order for us to also grow in our relationship with God. We intentionally *give* and *incline* our ears to what God says through the people who teach us to follow Him. Share how you first learned about God and who taught you to love Him.

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## 2 | We are all to teach others about God and disciple them.

*<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. <sup>5</sup>He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, <sup>6</sup>that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children . . . PSALM 78:4-6*

Second, we are to pass on what we know and teach this to others. We are to tell others about God and what He has done. The gospel and the work of God should not stop with us. We are to respond to the Great Commission of Jesus with obedience, urgency, and commitment. Why is it important

to proclaim Christ and help others follow Him, as we have been taught?

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### 3 | We are to teach those we have disciplined to make disciples.

*6. . . that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, 7so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments . . .* **PSALM 78:6-7**

Third, we are to do our part so that the next generations would know about and love God, too. The gospel was passed on to us with boldness and sacrifice, from the time of the twelve disciples until the person who told you about Jesus. What do you think would happen if we kept the best news ever of our salvation to ourselves? Why should we remain steadfast in helping others make disciples as well?

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### APPLICATION

- Are you a disciple? Are you making disciples? What is one thing you can do to apply what we talked about today?
- Recall who told you about Jesus and helped you follow Him. Take some time this week to appreciate these people.
- Consider the reality of not knowing when someone would die. Why is there an urgency to tell people about God and make disciples? What are you willing to do about it today?

## PRAYER

- Thank God for His grace, mercy, and love for you. Thank Him for sending Jesus to die on the cross to save us from His wrath.
- Ask God to help you see the lost around you as He does, feel compassion for them the way He does, and respond to them as He would.
- Pray for your family members and friends who need to know about Jesus. Ask God for opportunities, boldness, wisdom, urgency, and empowerment from the Holy Spirit for you to help them follow Jesus.

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