



# WOODLAND HEIGHTS

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## The Cornerstone Effect Part #2 – The Cornerstone of Family

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### Small Group Discussion Guide on Deuteronomy 6:1-9

#### Woodland Heights Christian Church Core Value Connection

This sermon on Deuteronomy 6:1-9 directly connects with the core value of a **Biblical Worldview** at Woodland Heights Christian Church. This core value is about equipping your life with the Word of God so that you can both know it and live it out in your life.

This sermon's focus on the Lord as the "Chief Cornerstone" of your family emphasizes the importance of making the Lord the chief focus of your family as Christians. Living in pursuit of the Lord in this manner equips you to align your family with His purpose, invest in eternity in the lives of those who are closest to you, and pass on timeless principles of faith to the next generation.

The Big Idea, "Anchor Your Family in the Cornerstone and You Will Leave a Life-Changing Legacy," encourages believers to deepen their walk with Christ at the core level of their family, equipping them to honor God in every area of life.

#### Section #1 – ENCOUNTER

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##### "Observing God's Word"

Picture a builder carefully laying the first stone of a home's foundation. If that stone is crooked, every wall will lean. But if it is straight, the house will stand strong for generations. In the same way, families must be anchored in the Cornerstone—the Lord Himself.

This illustration showcases the profound role of the cornerstone in Deuteronomy 6:1-9 for your family.

Let's start our study by anchoring ourselves in Scripture. Read this text as a group, family, or an individual, letting God's Word sink in. As you read, notice how Moses calls Israel not just to obey God's Word but to make it the heartbeat of the home.

##### Core Questions

- What do you notice about the words, phrases, and imagery in this passage? Why is this relevant for Christians today?
- What do you learn about God's character and His design for family from this passage?
- How do these verses describe the role of parents and families in shaping the next generation?

## Section #2 – EXPLORE

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### “Understanding the Passage and Sermon”

Let’s unpack the sermon’s foundational truth—making the Lord the "Cornerstone" of our family—with questions that connect the message’s insights to our hearts. Discuss these as a group or reflect on them as an individual.

#### **Result #1 – Clarity (Deuteronomy 6:1-2)**

Moses reminds Israel that God’s Word is their blueprint. Faith is not just personal—it’s generational. Families are called to model obedience so children and grandchildren can inherit faith.

- What does the story of the cornerstone stone wall (sermon illustration) teach us about starting in the right way?
- Why is it essential that children “see reverence for God” in their parents’ lives?

Quote – “Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself.” – **Charles Spurgeon**

#### **Result #2 – Character (Deuteronomy 6:3)**

Obedience to God’s Word builds character and blesses families. A Biblical worldview means both knowing and doing God’s Word.

- What does it mean for your home to reflect a Biblical worldview?
- How does walking in obedience shape family life, even in hard times?

Quote – “When God’s Word is in the home ... children and grandchildren reap blessing.” – **Sermon Insight**

#### **Result #3 – Consequences (Deuteronomy 6:4–9)**

The Great Shema calls God’s people to hear, love, and teach diligently. Families that anchor themselves in God’s truth build a legacy that endures. This is a forgotten discipline in today’s world which is why it is critical to begin applying it in your family.

- What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and might in daily family life?
- How do everyday practices (mealtime prayers, bedtime devotions, conversations) sharpen children in the Word?
- What is “written on the doorposts of your home” today—stress or God’s truth?

Quote – “If we want our children to grow up loving and serving God, we must build our homes on the solid foundation of His Word and His truth.” – **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth**

## Section #3 – EMBRACE

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### “Applying God’s Word”

Go deeper into the Word of God by applying what you’ve learned to your life today. Reflect on these action steps and discuss how you can live out the truths from Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

- **Anchor the Foundation:** Evaluate your home. What is currently functioning as the cornerstone – work, culture, busyness, or the Lord? Identify one step to realign your family on God’s Word this week.
- **Practice Faith Together:** Establish a family rhythm of Scripture and prayer (e.g., mealtime devotion, bedtime prayer, or Scripture on the fridge). Share how this builds strength in your home.
- **Pass It On:** Look for one way this week to intentionally teach or model faith to the next generation – whether with your children, grandchildren, or someone younger in the church family.
- **Memorize and Reflect:** Commit Deuteronomy 6:6 (ESV) to memory: *“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”* Discuss how hiding God’s Word in your heart strengthens both you and your family.

## Closing Challenge and Prayer

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As a group, pray that each family represented would anchor their homes in the Lord, modeling obedience, love, and faith for the next generation. Encourage one another to take a concrete step this week to put Lord at the center of family life.