

“Religion Trap”

The Parent Trap

Discussion Questions

- **Introduction: Icebreaker**
 - What do you love because your parent(s) loved it first?
 - What passion/hobby/interest was passed down generationally?
- **Religion Trap**
 - How have you seen some parents create a religion trap for their kids?
 - What do you want for your kids spiritually?
- **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7**
 - What is the significance of the Shema (Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one)?
 - How is that connected to the command that follows it?
 - What does it look like for that command to be on your heart?
 - What does this text call us to do with our children?
- **You have to live it before you give it.**
 - Why is it necessary for you to LOVE GOD before you try and pass along your faith/religion?
 - What happens when a parent SAYS they love God, but their actions don't match? What happens to kids in that home?
 - How can a parent focus on growing their affections for God first?
 - Prayer
 - Reading the Bible
 - Worship
 - Then we can focus on our children's hearts. How does Deuteronomy 6:7 teach us to do that?
 - Give some examples of TEACHABLE MOMENTS you can have with your children.
- **Application & Reflection**
 - If God only did in your children what you prayed and asked him to do, what would you ask God to do?
 - If your children grew up to have a faith that looked exactly like yours today, would you feel like you succeeded as a parent? Why? Why not?