Sermon Notes – Deuteronomy 6:1-12

"Understanding the Task at Hand" - Pastor Brian Bish

An Incredible, Memorable Moment at Hope Fellowship

This passage points us to the transgenerational transmission of the faith (vs. 2, vs. 7). How do we do it?

A Radical Call

"Hear!"

Ancient culture → *Today*

The more things change, the more they stay the same

A narrow view of God, or a normal one?

An Ordinary Approach

When? All the time (vs. 7)

When you sit, when you walk, when you lie down, when you rise

Where? Everywhere (vss. 8-9)

On your hand (what you do), between your eyes (what you think), doorposts of your house (private family life), and on the gates (public life)

What? God's Word

Commandments What is the code of law, predominantly what is forbidden

Statutes What is prescribed, allocated, rationed, or apportioned

Rules What is decreed by legal authority, case laws, judgments

A Gracious God

Life in the land

- v. 1 "that you may do them in the land... to possess it"
 - v. 10 great and good cities you did not build
 - v. 10 houses full of all good things you did not fill
 - v. 10 cisterns you did not dig
 - v. 10 vineyards you did not plant
- v. 2 "that your days may be long"
- v. 3 "that it may go well with you"

Out of Egypt...

"Before the law went on the doorpost, the blood went on the doorpost."- Tim Keller

Questions for Study and Reflection

- 1. What ways are you involved in the lives of children? How does this passage speak to you, whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or other?
- 2. Why is it significant that we are called to "hear" who God is? How are you tempted to make God into something of your own design?
- 3. What does this passage say about the time and location of God's classroom for teaching children?
- 4. Why is grace central to understanding who God is?