

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Message Series:** LAUNCH: an Inside Out Series  
**Message Title:** Lift Off  
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### UP NEXT

- **ATTENTION ALL LIFE GROUPS** - Each Life Group is highly encouraged to participate in the Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. We are asking each Life Group to come up with a themed "trunk" complete with games and candy for the many kids that will show up. If your group cannot supply a trunk we are also in need of 15-20 volunteers. To volunteer please email [roger.graber@reality.church](mailto:roger.graber@reality.church).

### MAIN IDEA

No one is exempt from launching the next generation.

### INTRODUCTION

- At the time of Deuteronomy the Nation of Israel was about to enter into a land filled with people who believed in many gods. However, the belief in only one God (called monotheism) was a distinctive feature of the Hebrew religion.
- Many ancient religions believed in many gods. But as Christians, we believe in one true God (the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob).
- Moses wanted to remind the Nation of Israel to stay true to the belief in one true God (see Deuteronomy 6 below).

### DISCUSSION

- What were some of your very first impressions of what God looked like? (did you picture him as an old man with a beard, sitting on a big throne with a staff?)
  - What were some of your very first impressions of how God acted? (did you see him as angry, aloof, or maybe distant?)
- As a kid, where did you learn most of what you knew about God?
  - At home from parents
  - At church in Sunday school or ministry (children or youth)?
  - Just sort of made it all up on your own in your head?
- Have someone read [\(Deuteronomy 6:1-3\)](#)
  - Why is this passage of Scripture included in the Bible? In other words, why do we have this passage?
  - This is Old Testament instruction... what possible lesson can we learn from it today in 2016?
- Lance mentioned in his sermon that as parents, *"We all need help when it comes to raising our kids."*
  - Do you agree or disagree and why?
  - When a rocket is launched into space there are so many people

#### QUOTE

*"There are somethings and certain times in our lives when we are going to need support."*  
Lance Burch

involved working together. It cannot be done by one individual. Similarly, when we launch kids into the future it cannot be done alone. It takes people, teams, and a checklist of things that must happen. We have to be working together.

- He also stated that as parents, we are the primary spiritual influence in your kids lives. NOT should be... and NOT could be... But rather ARE.
  - What are the consequences of this?
- Have someone read [\(Deuteronomy 6:4-9\)](#)
  - This passage of Scripture is called the “Shema” [she-mah] because the Hebrew word for “hear or listen” is *shema*. A faithful Jewish person would/will recite this every day as a reminder to follow it’s instruction.
  - This passage provides the central theme of Deuteronomy.
  - Multiple Choice: Where does this passage put the bulk of the responsibility for passing on eternal truths of God?
    - A - The Church
    - B - Private Christian schools
    - C - The Home
- **Read Verse 7 again:** Obviously we don’t take walking journeys much anymore. How can this verse be understood by today’s readers?
- Lance mentioned that *“we are just one generation away from forgetting about God.”*
  - Do you agree or disagree and why?
  - Have someone read [\(Judges 2:6-10\)](#)
    - This passage tells the downfall of the generation following Joshua. How could they have forgotten so soon all the amazing things that God had done?
    - Perhaps it’s not that the new generation never heard the stories from their parents. But perhaps in the stories God was merely one of the supporting characters and not the author of the story.

### APPLY IT .....

- Are you praying daily for how God wants you to be a part of *Launch*?

### NEXT STEPS .....

- Read [\(Proverbs 6:20-23\)](#)
  - What does this Proverb mean for you?
  - What does this Proverb mean for your children?
- In what ways are you directly responsible for launching the next generation at Reality Church?
- In what ways are you indirectly responsible for launching the next generation at Reality Church?
  - Is launching the next generation only tasked to those with children? Why or why not?