

# EXODUS HEARTS TOWARD GOD-5

February 8, 2009 - Psalm 78

Your discussion will focus on Psalm 78 and the importance of intergenerational communication of God's story.

## Open - Generation to Generation

Does your family have a inter-generational habit or practice that is a clearly identifiable? (Examples: cooking or cleaning a certain way, sports traditions, loyalty to certain brands, way of sitting, walking or talking, etc.)

What is it? How is it passed from one generation to the next?

## Bible Discussion - Passing the Story to the Next Generation

Read and talk briefly about Psalm 78:1-8.

*O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old— what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. They would not be like their forefathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.*

## Taking It Home

How do we transmit the story from our generation to the next?

Read and consider Deuteronomy 6:1-12. How do we take the principles of these verses and apply them in our day?

How you can improve story telling in your family?

What the can our Church Family do to improve story telling?

\*The discussion questions loosely follow Greg's Sunday message with the same date, and were authored by Allen Burris, preaching minister for the Mitchell Church of Christ.