

STUDY GUIDE

for the week of September 28, 2008

DESPERATE GRANDPARENTS

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OPEN IN PRAYER

A TIME OF WORSHIP (Optional) - You may want to sing a hymn or chorus.

GETTING STARTED

1. Can you think of something that has died out or gone extinct in your life time? Can you identify the contributing factors and what could have been done to prevent its extinction?
2. Judges 2:10 describes a desperate situation, what do you think could have been contributing factors?
3. When you think of passing on your life and faith to your grandchildren, what is the first thing that comes to mind?
4. What is the most significant value that your parents/grandparents passed on to you?
5. What do you hope to pass on to your grandchildren? What are you doing to ensure that happens?
6. Discuss Joel's statement 'the best thing you can do for your grandchildren is:
*Love on them.
Make sure they know they are ok.
Turn them toward God.'*

GETTING REAL

1. What is the biggest road block you face in passing your life/faith on to your grandchildren?
2. Of the three essential relationships that Joel talked about, for you, which one needs the most work?
Your Relationship With God
Your Relationship With Your Grown Children
Your Relationship With Your Grandchildren

GETTING IT DONE

Break into groups of two or three's, share two or three specific steps you could take to better the relationship you have identified as needing the most work. Once that is done spend some time in prayer for each other and the relationships that have been mentioned as well as make a covenant with each other to check in from time to time for further support and prayer.

SCRIPTURE TO BE STUDIED FURTHER

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

QUESTION TO BE PONDERED FURTHER

What would **Deuteronomy 6-9 life style** look like in our culture? What are some practical ways to carry out the essence of this scripture in your family?

CLOSING PRAYER

Desperate
Housewives
Things are not always as they seem.



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