

GENERATIONS OF FAITH: GENERATIONAL SIN

Exodus 20:4-6, 34:1-7; Deuteronomy 5:6-12

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GENERATIONAL CYCLES OF SIN ARE BROKEN BY REPENTING AND LOVING THE LORD.

1. GENERATIONS CYCLES OF SIN (Exodus 20:4-5; Deuteronomy 5:9, 28:15-68)
2. CAN BE BROKEN BY REPENTING AND LOVING THE LORD (Exodus 20:4-5; 34:1-7; Deuteronomy 5:10, 24:16, 28:1-68; Ezekiel 18:19-20; John 9:1-3; Galatians 3:13)

MEMORY VERSES: Exodus 20:4-6

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 Peter 1:1-11

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Exodus 20:4-6 and Deuteronomy 5:9-10 and compare these passages.
2. What is the immediate context and intended audience of these verses?
3. What is the spiritual state of those who are punished for generations?
4. What is the state of those who love God?
5. Read Exodus 34:6-8 and compare with the previous two passages you just looked at.
6. What is the difference between the two groups described here?
7. According to Deuteronomy 24:16 and Ezekiel 18:1-20, who is held responsible for the sins of their fathers or their children?
8. Why is it important that we take responsibility for our sin?
9. What are some consequences other generations might experience due to our sin, and how can we prevent that?
10. According to Jesus in John 9:1-3, is all suffering the consequences of the sins of the parents?
11. Read Galatians 3:13. What is the curse Christ has freed us from and how did he do it?
12. How can you help future generations maintain faithfulness to the Lord?
13. How does this study challenge or encourage you?