

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## Tribe - Part 4

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### Introduction

The Old Testament tells us the history of Israel's exiles. They were often scattered yet they managed to keep passing down the commands, decrees and laws of the Lord from one generation to the next (Deut 6:1-8). Through keeping tradition, the older generations of the Israelites influenced the younger. And thousands of years on from their exile, the vast majority were still practicing the same way of tribal living. God created humankind with the intention that we should grow more deeply and closely to resemble His likeness. As we do so, we have the power to influence others within our tribe to also grow into the likeness of God.

### Read

Genesis 1:26-27

### Discuss

1. Have you ever listened to your parents telling the story of your grandparents' lives? Did you find them interesting? Why or why not?
2. Pastor Heather mentioned that we have the power to influence our families and loved ones. Do you agree with her statement? What might hinder you from positively influencing your tribe?
3. Read Exodus 20:8-11. Pastor Heather mentioned that the Sabbath day is a gift from God for us to connect with Him so that we can rest, recharge and rejuvenate. What is your understanding of the Sabbath? Why do you think that we have become a generation that is often too busy?
4. In order for us to have a greater impact on others, we need to make space and time for them. What are some activities that could deepen our connections with others? Are there barriers that you might face?

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5. There are many songs that speak about adoration, such as Frankie Valli's "My Eyes Adored You". Who are one or two people that you adore? Why do you adore them? What does it look like for you to adore Jesus?
6. Pastor Heather mentioned that we could encourage our friends and loved ones to adore and worship Jesus. What could motivate you to do this? How might this be a challenge?
7. In Genesis 1:26-27, we read that we are made in God's image and formed in His likeness. When we learn of God's majestic work in creating nature and mankind, our adoration of God increases. How have you been doing in growing deeper and closer into His likeness? How can you influence others to grow deeper and closer as well?

### **Respond**

This week, ask God to bring to your mind someone within your tribe whom you could influence and impact. Commit to make space, and encourage this person to adore and worship Jesus together with you. Pray that you can set aside time and a quiet place to rest, recharge and rejuvenate as you connect and speak with Jesus each day.