

Study Guide Questions – 2/28/16
That the Next Generation Might Know (Psalm 78:1-8)
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Read Psalm 78:1-8 and Pray for the Spirit's enabling as you meditate on his Word together.

1. What do you think the Psalmist is trying to communicate to the worshipping community of Israel by these words? Why is it important that they tell the next generation of, "the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."
2. In vs 4 we see the contrast between "hiding" and "telling." It's been said that the next generation can't live off the fumes of the gospel or the experience of the gospel. In what way is doctrine important for the formation of children? How is this need challenged by today's norms?
3. Why is our spiritual wellbeing important in the raising up of the next generation? (i.e living as though God's deeds are in fact glorious as well as his wonder and might vs 4-5).
4. Pastor Tom talked about covenant commitment and reminded us of the promise we make in raising our right hand when a child is baptized. What are we promising when we raise our hand? Why is it important that the whole body take this seriously? What happens when it doesn't, or when only some do?
5. J.W. Alexander answers eight common objections to starting family worship, but then says that a "single reason operates with more force than all the others put together." It is when a man says-most likely only to himself-"The truth is, I am ashamed to begin." What could be said to a man who feels this way to encourage him to begin? How could he communicate this to his family?
6. Jesus says "truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child does not enter it" (Mark 10:15). In what way do children model kingdom life? How does the Father show himself to be faithful to us as his children? In what way does that shed light on our task as those who have been given the privilege of training, equipping and pointing our children to Christ and His kingdom?