**“OPEN YOUR EARS!”**

**Psalm 78:1-8**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Idea of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What was the most impactful part of the Sermon for you?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. What is good about generational family stories?
2. Why is it easier to teach kids some things (like a foreign language) than it is to teach adults?
3. What are some barriers to passing along the faith to the next generation?

**Psalm 78:1–8 (NLT)**

1O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying,

2for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—

3stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us.

4We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.

5For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children,

6so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children.

7So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

8Then they will not be like their ancestors— stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

***EXPLORE***

* + - 1. What is the central message of this passage? (78:1–8)
      2. What lessons will be the people be taught? (78:2-3)
      3. How will the stories (truths) be learned in future generations? (78:4-6)
      4. Why did the psalm writer encourage God’s people to tell their children of God’s faithfulness in the past? (78:7)
      5. What did the psalm writer want Israel’s future generations to avoid? (78:8)

***APPLY***

1. Why must the Scriptures be primary in terms of what we teach to the next generation?
2. What’s the danger in teaching our kids to behave morally without emphasizing the Bible’s teaching about God and the gospel?
3. How does the telling of the stories of the Bible (including the overarching story of redemption) help fight against our natural, self-centered tendencies?
4. What are some specific ways churches and families can be intentional about passing along the faith to the next generation?
5. How does our relationship with the Lord during the good times demonstrate the sincerity of our faith and our faithfulness to Him?