



On Being Deuteronomy 6 People and Parents

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Deut. 6:4-9

1. Vs. 4-5 is commonly known to Jews as the *Shema*. Discuss the relevance of these verses in your group with special attention to the meaning of *Shema: to hear/listen with intent to respond to*.
2. In verse 4-5, what is the LORD calling us to do?
3. Why do you think God calls us to love Him with all of our heart, soul and might? Why these three areas specifically? What might a divided heart or soul or might/strength look like?
4. What action does vs. 6-7 call us into?
5. Beyond our children, what broader audience might this text be calling us to? How does this text speak to those without children?
6. The call to action in vs 6-7 takes time. What are some “time traps” that we fall into nowadays? How do we justify the “time traps”?
7. Jesus made the call to follow him to would-be disciples in Matt 8:18-34 and Luke 9:59-62. Discuss some of the excuses they made and draw parallels to modern day.
8. Discuss vs. 8-9 in the context of modern day. Of hand, eyes, house, which “you shall bind them as a sign” area resonated with you the most? Share with your group.
9. Seven suggestions for living a Deut. 6 life were made in the message:
 - Start by dropping some of the weights. (Heb 12:1-2)
 - Some of you may need to make hard choices.
 - Homeschool
 - Little moments matter
 - Change your TV habits
 - Reassess your environment.
 - Start family devotionals

Which one spoke loudest to you? Share with your group.