



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

- It's easy for our lives to tilt off balance sometimes. Why do you think this is? What strategies, if any, do you use to keep order and balance in your daily life?

Dig Deep

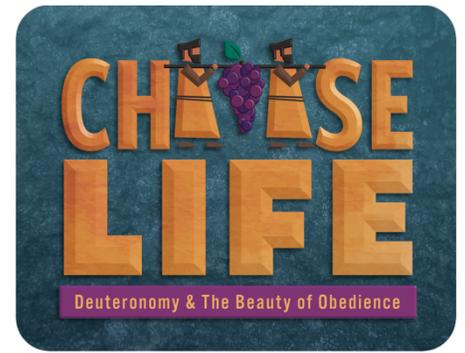
Read Scripture Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1 These are the commands, decrees, and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, **2** so that you, your children, and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. **3** Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. **4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. **5** Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

- Who and what are the commands, decrees and laws intended for? Why is this so important? **Deuteronomy 6:1-3**
- Israel is surrounded by other nations and cultures. In this context what is so significant about the words, "Hear", "The LORD our God is one", and "love the LORD your God..."? **Deuteronomy 6:4-5**
- Why is such a strong emphasis given to teach God's commands to the children? How, when, and where are they to be taught? What are some ways you have experienced this or would recommend in your life to teach the children? **Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

Do Big

- Verses 1-3 give four "so that" reasons to follow God's laws. Has obedience to God's will benefitted you? In what ways?
- In verse 5 (the greatest command), God gives four areas to love



Leaders

Read Deuteronomy 6

Background:

The Law is concerned with not just external conduct but with the heart of the LORD's people devoted to Him. The effect on the heart of God's people who obey Him is beautifully revealed in Psalm 119. God's righteous law was like honey (v.103), light (v.105), treasure (v.14, 72, 127, 162), freedom (v.45) and a great source of joy (v.14).

Key Thoughts

Obedience is based on spiritual principles revealed by the LORD, not on personal opinions.

Jesus taught that Deuteronomy 6:4-5 as the greatest, and most important command, and that by obeying it one would live (Matthew 22:37-38; Mark 12:29-30; Luke 10:27)

Memory verses for this week:

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline." Proverbs 1:7

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart