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Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

What is name of the person that has been the greatest spiritual influence in your life? What did they do that made such an impact on you? Do you find yourself modeling their actions or words? If so, how?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:13-21

¹³ So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— ¹⁴ then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. ¹⁵ I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. ¹⁶ Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. ¹⁷ Then the LORD’s anger will burn against you, and he will shut up the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. ¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

- God’s love is unconditional but many of his blessing and promises are not. What are some examples of this from this passage?
- What do you find challenging or hard to understand about this passage?
- If God blesses those who obey him, then why does it sometimes seem as though those who don’t obey him or even believe in him receive blessings such as money, property, etc.?
- What is the equivalent today of fixing God’s words on our hearts and mind and binding them to our foreheads? What does this practically mean?
- For those of you with children, what is your experience or practice like when talking with your children about God or spiritual concepts? Talk about the good and challenging experiences if possible.
- When, or if, your parents attempted to talk with you about spiritual concepts what did you usually enjoy about the conversation? Was it ever awkward or even frustrating? If so, why do think that?

Do Big

- What advice or comments do you have about spiritual conversations for those with children, without children, or those wanting children?
- How will you attempt to have a spiritual conversation with a new person this week?

LEADERS

Read Deuteronomy 11

Background:

God is giving a gentle yet stern warning to the Israelites about obedience. They had a pattern of being disobedient and unfaithful to God. Therefore, he wanted them to know that their obedience would be rewarded but their disobedience would lead to punishment.

Key Thoughts

We show our love to God through our obedience to Him. (John 14:15)

Challenge

How will you seek to obey God this week in every area of your life?

Weekly Memory Verse

“¹³ So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— ¹⁴ then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil.” Deut. 11:13-14