



THE SH'MA SERIES
"WITH ALL YOUR HEART"

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help lead your group through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage(s) and the speaker's message. They can help you understand and apply the teaching.

BIBLICAL TEXT(S) + MESSAGE SUMMARY:
DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

Pastor Lane preached this week on the question, "What does it mean to love God with all your heart?" He talked about love, desire, and the human heart. His message encouraged us to understand that desire is the only thing that can overcome desire, where good desires from God overcome corrupt desires, bent and broken by sin. We were created for our highest desire: to be in relationship with Jesus. This sermon concluded by drawing an important distinction between following Jesus and following religion.

LEAN IN: *These are icebreakers and warm ups, mostly to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. What example or story stood out to you in Sunday's sermon? Why was it significant to you?
2. What was your high/low for this past week (or since the group last met)? What was the best thing that happened and the worst thing that happened?
3. What is something you discovered or observed this week that was rooted in a good desire? How did it impact you?
4. What is something you observed this week that stemmed from an evil desire? How did you respond?

LOOK DOWN: *These are questions about the Bible passage(s) and observations about what's been read. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. Where in the Bible is the Sh'ma found?
2. What is the Sh'ma? Why was it significant to the ancient Israelites? Why is it, or why isn't it, significant to you?
3. What does Jesus say to his followers in John 15? ("If you love me you will...")
4. What does C.S. Lewis say about our desires in the quote Pastor Lane included in his message?
5. Why does Jesus say that we love God? (Because he first...)?

LOOK OUT: *These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. What types of things are people capable of loving?
2. What do people most often love today? Why do you think that's so?
3. What does the predominant culture say about our "hearts"? How does that compare to what this message teaches?

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4. Without the teaching of Jesus, or even a biblical view of reality, how do people tend to think personal change comes about?
5. What solutions do people have for their heart problems in our society?

LOOK IN: *These are questions that help you consider how to apply the teaching personally. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. What is something you have recently said that you love?
2. What are you most committed to in life?
3. In your mind what is the relationship between love and devotion?
4. Can you change your desires? If so, how? If not, how do you think they can change? What did the message have to say about this?

LIVE IT OUT: *These action steps help apply this week's message to day to day life. Choose one question and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. How can you grow in your devotion to love the Lord your God this week? What role does prayer play in your answer?
2. A concluding challenge: write out a list of your desires throughout this week. As you write things down, ask God what he thinks about them and what he wants for you.