

This week's discussion guide will have us think about discipleship at home. Before we read our passage of study, consider some of your own experiences and hopes. Which spiritual disciplines, if any, were practiced in your family growing up? What are some rhythms and habits you have or would like to establish in your home?

Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** and discuss the following.

The confession of faith stated in the opening verses (**v.4-5**) was recited by Jews both morning and evening, in fact, it still is to this day. What unique and exclusive claims does it make about God? How is God to be loved? What might this kind of wholehearted devotion look like?

“*These words*” (**v.6**) refers to the entirety of the law given to Moses in the Ten Commandments (**Ch.5**). What does it mean to have this “*on your heart*” (**v.6**)? How does one do that?

Parents are to disciple their sons and daughters by impressing the same truth upon the hearts of their children. Given Scripture’s description in **v.7**, when should parents talk about the Lord with their children? Give some examples for each scenario—at home, going on your way, before bed, before the day begins, etc.?

What might a formal faith talk look like? How might an informal faith talk go differently?

How might one practically fulfill the commands of **v.8-9** today? Explain.

This passage describes a total devotion to the Lord and His Word. Which area of your day would you most like to redeem? That is, in what part of your daily routine have you become most spiritually lax?

Mark Dever, a pastor in Washington, D.C., says discipling is “*deliberately doing spiritual good to someone so that he or she will be more like Christ.*” What deliberate and intentional good can you do to your family members to help them grow in this way? Share some of your ideas.

After reading and discussing this passage, what is one new spiritual habit or routine that you would like to incorporate into your weekly rhythm?

How has this passage of Scripture and discussion most comforted and/or convicted you personally?