

Small Group Questions

Kicking Things Off

1. Define love according to:

A popular movie (could be a positive, negative, or neutral definition, but be prepared to make your case)

Getting Into It

2. In Deuteronomy 6:4 it says, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." What does it mean that "the LORD is one?"
3. One commentator writes, "The wholeness, or oneness, of Yahweh (v. 4) is to be met with a response involving the wholeness of the human person (v.5)." What does it mean to love the LORD "with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength?"
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9. According to these verses it seems that the Word of God is to be on our hearts; our heart as an **individual** (*your hands and your foreheads*), our heart as a **family** (*your houses*) and our heart as a **society** (*your gates* – in the ancient near east, the place of public business, courts, markets, etc.). What specific things can we do to impress God's Word on:

Our individual heart:

The heart of our family:

The heart of our society:

5. The only king in Israel's history who is credited with "loving God with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength" is Josiah (2 Kings 23:25). Read 2 Kings 22 and 23. What are the highlights of Josiah's life? How important was God's Word to Josiah? What did he do to get it impressed on the heart of his people?
6. Read Deuteronomy 6:13-19. What do we learn about God in these verses?

7. Verse 16 makes reference to the incident at Massah. Read about the incident in Exodus 17:1-17. What was the sin of the people? In what ways do we commit the same sin today?

8. How might having God's Word impressed on our heart keep us from committing this particular sin?

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God is Better than Disneyland

Pastor Brandon Cash.....Deuteronomy 6:4-25.....2/24/08

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Hear, O Israel; the LORD our God, the LORD is one

Group Prayer Requests

Love the LORD your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your strength.

Live like God really is better than Disneyland