



SDG Discussion Guide

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

April 15, 2018

For starters:

What was a highlight of your week? What was a lowlight?

What is something you are grateful for this week? What is something you are not grateful for this week?

Interaction with the text: (The following questions are meant to provide points of further interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find these questions in print on that Sunday.)

As you can, read aloud, again, the entire chapter six in your group. Before you begin the discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together, what points and questions of the text arose? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these. What else did you notice? Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. How are both fear and love important motivations in this passage?
2. How is the love of the Lord to affect the way children are to be raised in the new land (vv 4-9)?
3. What is the difference between passing on the law out of obligation and passing it on out of love?
4. What dangers will the Israelites face, and how will the fear of the Lord be helpful (vv 10-19)?
5. How will the law be an aid in keeping the memory of God's salvation fresh (vv 20-25)?
6. Love for God was to be passed on from generation to generation. What attitudes have you picked up toward God from your parents? (If you are a parent, consider also what attitudes toward God you are passing on to your children.)
7. Consider your own motivations. In what areas do you live by God's law out of obligation and in what ways do you follow God's law because of your affection for Him?
8. The Israelites were to be careful not to take God's gift of the new land for granted. What have you tended to take for granted about God's saving work in your life? Where do you desire God's further work in your life?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to help you grow in a love-filled faith. Pray for the specific areas in your life where you desire God's redeeming work-- ask God to meet you in a felt way in that desire. Pray that the members of your group and church would pass on a love for God to children.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity Christian Fellowship of the United States of America, 1996).