

A City on a Hill - Family Discussion Guide #1

Inside the Home: Love for God

Sunday's Bible Passage: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Read Together: Psalm 63:1-8

This passage shows David's personal love and desire for God. Before we can teach anyone to love God (our children, our family, our neighbors, etc...), we must be people who genuinely delight in Him ourselves.

Questions for Discussion & Reflection:

1. What stood out to you from Sunday's teaching?
2. When is a time you've been so thirsty that you can relate to having your "flesh faint"? How else would you describe that experience and what it was like for you?
3. Have you had experiences where you've felt such a longing for God? What was that like?
4. Does it feel easy or difficult to love God? Why?
5. Is there anything in your life that sometimes competes for your love or attention to distract you from God?
6. If someone spent one week in our home, what would convince them that God is important to us?
7. What is one thing our family does that helps you love God?
8. If we wanted our home to reflect God's love even more, what is one thing we could change?
9. What kind of atmosphere do you hope people experience when they come into our home?
10. Parents: What is one lesson about God you hope your children will remember for the rest of their lives?
11. Children: What questions do you have about God that you've always wanted to ask?
12. How can our family make talking about God feel more natural during the week?

This Week's Challenge

Each person share one way they spent time with God that day.