

## Sermon Study Guide - 2 May 2021

Series: Luke

Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-9



*This guide will help you facilitate a study of the Bible passage with a focus on applying God's truth to our lives together. Look at the Big Idea and Takeaway for our CGs sections at the beginning of the guide to keep the discussion focused. For a deeper dive into the passage, refer to the [text notes](#) on the passage.*

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## Overview

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This is a 5-weeks series exploring how God desires for our natural families to help us grow in the faith, and how his church is the family we are all part of regardless of our natural families. Starting with a biblical theology of the family, we will then move on to explore two Old Testament scriptures on natural families, and subsequently two New Testament scriptures on the church family.

The goal of this series is to show how family is central to the mission of God, and is not an end in and of itself. We want to see how our earthly families are a gift God has given us to serve Him, and how the church is then given to us to be our truer and lasting family, that doesn't diminish our earthly families but actually empowers us to love and serve them even better.

### Big Idea

Because God is one, we love Him with an undivided heart and teach others to do the same.

### CG Takeaway

To be moved by who God is and what He has done for us and to respond in love to Him by taking ownership of the spiritual health of our natural and spiritual families, encouraging and instructing them to love God with an undivided heart.

### Fallen Condition Focus

- To see His commandments as burdensome and pure delight or duty, rather than it be propelled by His love for us and who He is

- Neglecting our duties (not being concerned with the spiritual health of others, not taking responsibility for each other or taking the initiative to move to each other) to teach and instruct our spiritual and natural families to love God with an undivided heart because we:
  - Ourselves have a divided heart and are forgetful
  - Are more concerned with our own comfort and convenience

## Deut 6:1-9

**1** *“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, **2** that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. **3** Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.*

**4** *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You 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. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

# Study Guide

Icebreaker: What is a phrase that we might hear repeated in your home?

Observation: What are some repeated words or structures in this passage? What is Moses trying to emphasise through these repetitions? (Can do padlet)

Optional deep dive 1: What was the historical context for the book of Deuteronomy? (Deuteronomy 6:1-3)

Optional deep dive 2: Why did Moses have to re-emphasise and elaborate God's law and covenant to Israel at this point in their history? (Deuteronomy 6:18-25)

1. Deut 6:4-5 is the very heart of God's covenant with Israel.

- a) What is the connection between verses 4 and 5? *(If need further prompting: How might verse 5 be an outworking of verse 4?)*
- b) Why does Israel need to be told this? What do these verses suggest about the 'natural' state of Israel's heart?
- c) God's commands and covenant always reveal His character. What is God's heart behind his commands? (6:3)

2. Our hearts, like Israel, often forget God's love in His covenant and see His command as burdensome. How does the gospel help us realign our hearts to the covenant God has established with us?

3. Take a look at the language used in 6:7-9. How does Moses emphasise the pervasiveness of God's commands in our homes and lives?

4. How can we press in the truth of God's character and heart and teach others to love Him wholeheartedly? What might v7-9 practically look like:

- i) For Christian parents who have children?
- ii) For Christian children who have non-Christian parents or families?
- iii) For Christian singles and couples within the church family?

5. What are some challenges we face in doing the above? How do we need to ask God for help?