

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

#### **Talk About**

- Describe the personality of the person sitting on your RIGHT in 5 words or less.
- What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about Deuteronomy (the Bible book)?
- Think back to your childhood: who influenced you the most spiritually? Why?
- Which aspect of God's character is currently most important to you? Why?

#### **Read About**

- What has God told Moses to teach (v.1)? Where would these instructions be used?
- To whom were the people told to teach (v.2)? For how long?
- What would happen if the people obeyed (v.3)?
- How were the people told to love God (v.5)? Who quoted this text in the New Testament? (See Matthew 22:37-39)
- List the 6 places where God's Law should be found (v.6-9). Are these literal places, or to be understood metaphorically?

#### **Think About**

- v.4 is known as the Shema (Hebrew word for "Hear"); still part of Jewish daily prayer. Discuss why it says "The LORD is one".
- How would you answer the following people?
  - *"If I were to love God with all my heart, soul and strength, there would be no love left for anything else."*
  - *"I used to love God with all my heart, soul and strength, but as I have matured, I am less fanatical, which is good."*
- In a conversation, someone says, "All this fuss about different religions – there is only one God." How does this make you feel? What would be a tactful and helpful way to reply?
- You could end by reading / memorizing Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

## **Deuteronomy 6:1-19**

<sup>1</sup> These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup> so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. <sup>3</sup> Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates.