

Listen | Deuteronomy 6:4
2022 Summer #11- August 7, 2022

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) When have you been in a loud environment and had trouble hearing?
- 2) What type of music do you listen to in the car?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Deuteronomy 6:4, Mark 4:9

- 1) The word “hear” means to take action. When have you heard something from a friend or parent and agreed, but not taken action? Why does this happen?
- 2) What truth from God’s Word have you heard and put into practice?
- 3) This verse can also be translated, “The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.” How does this translation put God in an exclusive place in your life?
- 4) What does it look like to give full allegiance to God in your schooling? In your work? In your relationships? In your finances, in your recreation?
- 5) The ten commandments are listed just before the Shema of chapter 6. List as many of the ten commandments as you remember together.
- 6) Let’s focus on just the third one. Read Deut 5:11. How has misusing the Lord’s name become commonplace? Why is it so important to honor his name?
- 7) How will you truly “hear” and put this command into practice this week?

Read Deut. 6:4-5 & Mark 12:28-31

- 8) Why do you think Jesus called the Shema the greatest commandment?
- 9) What benefit was it to the people to recite it morning and night? How could regularly repeating this scripture help you?
- 10) How can we make talking about Jesus and his ways more normal?

Read Mark 4:3-20 -The parable of the soils

- 11) The soil represents our heart and how we hear God’s word. What are the obstacles to truly hearing God?
- 12) What can you do to cultivate the soil of your heart so you can hear and take action on God’s word?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Lord, What truths have I heard that I need to apply to my life? What step do you want me to take?

For Further study

Look at the ten commandments (Deuteronomy 5) and determine which are related to loving God and which are related to loving others. How is Jesus’ greatest command a good summation of the ten commandments?