

WEEK 1: Who Is God?

Memory Verses: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (CSB)

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

SINGLES

1. How can you express love for God with all your heart, soul, and strength as a single person?
2. In what ways can you build a strong relationship with God without the responsibilities of marriage or family?
3. Do a relationship audit. What kind of relationships are preventing you from loving God with all your heart, soul, and strength?

SINGLE PARENT

1. As a single parent, how do you balance the demands of parenting with the call to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?
2. How can you model loving God with all your heart to your children?
3. What kind of frustrations as a single parent can you bring to God in prayer this week?

TEENS

1. How can you devote yourself to loving God with all your heart when the people around you aren't interested in doing the same thing?
2. What kind of friends do you have around you that can help you pursue a better relationship with God?
3. Who is the best example in your life of loving God in this way?

YOUNG ADULT

1. With the demands of your career, social life, or school journey, on a scale of 1-10 rate how you're integrating your love for God into your daily practices.
2. What kind of accountability do you have set up in your life to help you move toward loving God more?
3. Name one older person in your life who you feel has the relationship with God described in this verse. (Reach out to them and see if they might mentor you.)

MARRIED COUPLES

1. On a scale of 1-10, rate your individual relationships with God. How can you, as a married couple, encourage and support each other in your individual relationships with God?
2. How do you prioritize your relationship with God individually and as a couple?
3. How often do you pray together as a couple? If you don't, spend the next week doing it once a day together.

FAMILY

1. How can we show God that we love Him in our daily family routines?
2. Kids, how do you see your parents love God with all their heart, soul, and strength?
3. Parents, tell your kids things you see them do that show that they love God in this way.

WIDOWED

1. How did you find comfort and strength in loving God in the midst of grief?
2. What's the biggest challenge to living out this verse in this season of your life?
3. What stories do you turn to in Scripture to help you love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?

GEM PARENTS

1. How can you express your love for God amidst the unique challenges they face?
2. Share one story with another parent about God's faithfulness with you navigating your life as a GEM parent.
3. What kind of self-care routines do you have to help you love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?

NEWLYWEDS

1. How can newlyweds establish a strong faith foundation as you embark on the journey of marriage?
2. Discuss the importance of communication and shared spiritual goals in cultivating a marriage centered on loving God wholeheartedly.
3. Share practical ways you can integrate your individual faith journeys into your life together, fostering a united and God-honoring marriage.

EMPTY NESTERS

1. Discuss your opportunities for renewed focus on personal and marital growth as empty nesters, aligning with the command to love God wholeheartedly.
2. Discuss the concept of stewardship and the responsibility of using time and resources to further God's kingdom, even in the empty nest stage. How have you found purpose and fulfillment in this stage of life?
3. Discuss the importance of staying connected with the church community and supporting younger families, contributing wisdom and encouragement from your perspective as empty nesters.

DIVORCED

1. How can you still love God with all your heart, soul, and strength, even in the midst of brokenness?
2. How can you identify and pursue opportunities to find healing and restoration in your relationship with God?
3. How does loving God this way help in your relationship with others?

GOLDEN SAINTS

1. How can you continue to deepen your relationship with God and contribute to the church community as you enter this stage of life?
2. Discuss the importance of passing on faith and wisdom to younger generations within the church, fulfilling the command to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength.
3. Share testimonies of God's faithfulness throughout your lifetime, highlighting the enduring nature of His love in various life stages.