

“Hear; O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one”
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
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Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Do you feel like you understand the importance of passing on your faith to your children and the children in the church? Have you ever considered what is at stake?
2. Do you understand that the greatest function of households are in building the kingdom and building the church? That individual families are an effective means to building the people of God? How did Pastor Kevin show this from Deuteronomy 6:4-9? (hint: the word “you”).
3. Pastor Kevin said that the Israelites and all people of the earth would naturally slip into idolatry if God did not take the first step and reveal himself! Can you think of places in the Bible that support this? (see Exodus 32, Romans 1)
4. If you are a parent or an adult, do you realize that you have a great opportunity and responsibility to steer your children away from idols and onto the ways of God from an early age? Can you identify idols in your children’s hearts? Can you identify idols in your own heart?
5. The Israelites quickly resorted back to idol worship in Exodus 32! Are you like that ever? Are you ever like the Israelites who forget the works of God and complain against him? What does the Pentateuch reveal of God’s attitude towards complaining and doubt towards Him (see Numbers 11)?
6. What were the purposes of God when he made a Covenant with his people? (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10).
7. What was the Hebrew understanding of law and commandments? (Psalm 19:7; 119:72) Do you understand the importance of God’s instruction for us? Do you think of his laws as the pathway to life and blessing? Where do we find God’s law and his instruction?
8. Do you see the importance of theologically educating your child and yourself as a means of fulfilling your role in the covenant of God?
9. The 10 Commandments are listed 2 times in the Torah. Why does God say he is God and that he brought them out of the house of slavery before he gives them the instruction?
10. How does Yahweh prove himself to be true and better than the false Gods that were commonly worshipped in the Ancient Near East? Do you think of following his instruction as an act of worship and thanks to him?