

“Hear; O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one—Part II”
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
August 3, 2008

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Pastor Kevin said that God’s revelation of himself was not complete at the time of Moses in the Pentateuch. Consider Hebrews 1:1-2 in light of Jesus being the fullest expression of the revelation of God?
2. When the younger generation of Israelites were on the outskirts of the Promised land, they needed to be instructed in the ways of God according to the way God revealed himself. Why do you think it was important that they received it before they took the land and not after?
3. What is the significance of this statement: “the laws of God would be the basis upon which his true people would be called out of darkness and distinguished as the children of light?” What does this mean for the role that the Bible plays in shaping your life? your family?
4. There were two major functions of the word of God in the life of a believer that was mentioned in the sermon, what were they? See 1 Peter 1:23 and 1 Peter 2:2.
5. According to Genesis 1:1-3, 2 Corinthians 4:6, and 1 Peter 1:23, why is it crucial for us to rely upon the word of God for saving someone? What confidence does it bring us to know that God’s creative and sustaining power is manifest in his word?
6. Have you ever considered the pattern of creation in Genesis 1:1-3 as a pattern of our spiritual state? Birth, disorder/darkness, re-birth/re-order. How else do you see the pattern of order, disorder, re-order woven throughout the Bible?
7. 1 Peter 2:2 commands us to long for the word so that we can grow into salvation. Thus, salvation is an ongoing thing sustained by the word of God. How does this relate to Romans 12:2 which commands us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds? What is the role of the Bible in this?
8. What is the difference between formal and informal teaching and how do the two serve each other? How can you weave this into your families lifestyle?
9. Have you ever thought about the effects that excessive exposure to television might have on you or your child’s capacity to treasure the Bible? Where is one place that you can cut back on in your media intake to create more room and capacity for the Bible?