

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

All In: Praying in the Word

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV)

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

OPEN:

1. As an adult, do you still depend on your parents?
2. If your kids are adults, do they still depend on you?

DIG:

1. In Pastor Jared's message, he mentioned the Shema. What is its meaning? (See Proverbs 20:12, Genesis 29:33, and Psalm 27:7)
2. How do we know about God? How has He revealed Himself to us?
3. Why do so many people think wrongly when they think of prayer? Has God revealed His plan through His Word? How can we love God with all our mind? How do we pray regarding our intellect as we mature?
4. Explain the difference between capacity and ability when it comes to our maturity in Christ.
5. We should pray for understanding. What does that mean? What does it not mean?

REFLECT:

1. Are you praying with a humble, burdened heart to grow in knowledge and faith—with a burden for the lost?
2. Are you praying when you're overwhelmed with guilt, debt, worry, sorrow, or anger? Are you praying for opportunities to share the gospel?
3. Are you finding the time in your day to be alone with God in the contemplation of His Word and the implications it has for your heart, your life, and your ministry?
4. It's important to develop healthy prayer habits. Do you relinquish time in your schedule to pray? Do you devote time in your day to consuming the Word of God with a reverent hunger to know more of Jesus?

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5. God is pouring into his creation through the giving of his Word. What should you do when you read the Bible?

5 MARKS FOCUS: PRAYER

Make the appointment to pray daily. Get into the habit of being in the Word and praying for God to illumine the meaning of that Word in order for it to completely consume your heart, mind, soul, and strength. If you don't make time for prayer, it isn't going to happen. Don't wait for the bomb to drop to get serious about your prayer relationship with God. Pray with your spouse. Pray with your kids. Parents, do not stop praying for your adult children. Pray together. Men, let your family hear you pray for them. Pray for your relationship with others.