

Grace Group Questions
02-24-2019 – Deuteronomy 6 – How Not to Raise Pagans

REMINDER: The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Passage:** Read Deuteronomy 6

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
- Can you outline the sermon?

2. **Observation – What did you hear?**

- Recount the context of Deuteronomy 6. What does the title '*Deuteronomy*' mean and what is significant about the historical setting?
- Chapter 6, along with the conclusion of chapter 5 place a strong emphasis on the need for obedience (cf. 5:29, 31, 32, 33; 6:1, 2, 3, 4, 17, 24, and 25). What are some of the consequences that the church/parents suffer if the call for obedience is neglected?
- What important doctrines can be extracted from **Deuteronomy 6:4 - 4** "*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one*? Elaborate on each.

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

- What does the word '*pagan*' mean? Why is it important to understand who we are in relation to this word and its meaning? (cf. 1 Co 12:2)
- Explain the difference between obedient legalism and obedient love?
- Think about the sequence of God's commands in vv. 4-9. Why are believers commanded to '*love God with all their heart, soul and strength*' and keep His words on their hearts before they are to instruct others?

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

- **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** assumes that every person in Israelite society, from the most educated priest to the most illiterate peasant, would be able to comprehend enough of the Word of God to teach it to others. What steps do you need to take in order to be better equipped to teach God's word to your family and others?
- **Deuteronomy 6:7 - 7** *You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.* What does this look like practically for your family?
- During the 9am Q & A, I asked Dr. Mohler what he believed is the single biggest threat to the church today. What was his response? Do you agree? How do you plan to guard against this threat for your own family?

5. **Prayer ...**