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Shema: Heart

To love God means to act in <u>loyalty</u> and <u>faithfulness</u> to Him.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6, Mark 12:30

• Our love is a <u>response</u> to God's love for us.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8, Jeremiah 31:1, Romans 5:8, 8:39, 1 John 4:19

"I've made up my mind" = "I've determined in my heart"

• "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." -Mt. 6:21

How to treasure God with your heart:

1. Open your heart

Revelation 3:20, Matthew 26:26-28

2. Fill your heart

Galatians 2:20, Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:5-6

3. Guard your heart

Proverbs 4:23, Psalm 51:10, Psalm 73:26

Questions/Topics for this week:

- 1. Have you opened your heart to God? If not, what is getting in the way? If you have, what could you do to help others see their need for a Savior?
- 2. What ways this week can you fill your heart as you treasure God?
- 3. What about guarding your heart? What would that look like for you this week?

Be Intentional:

This week try starting each day by praying the words of Psalm 51:10. "Create in me a clean heart, oh God. And renew a right spirit within me."

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.