

## DEVOTION - DEUTERONOMY 6



### The Big Idea:

*As God's people we are to be exclusively and totally devoted to God. The great fear is that God's people would turn to idolatry - therefore remember and obey (remembrance is demonstrated in obedience).*

*Our Growth Groups should be places where we remind each other to this end.*

### **Have you ever been utterly devoted to a fad? Why did you keep going/why did you stop?**

*Pictures: Agro, Backstreet Boys, tamagotchi, mullet, troll doll.*

*Just a fun into question to raise the idea of persistent devotion.*

### **Read Deuteronomy 6**

#### **What is Moses urging the Israelites to do?**

**List as many instructions as you can find in the chapter.**

*Hear God's instructions and obey*

*Love the Lord*

*Fear the Lord only, serve him only etc.*

#### **What three big reasons are given for living in exclusive and total devotion to God? (v4-5, 14-15, 20-24) Divided these among your group.**

*4-5 That the Lord alone is Israel's God leads to the demand for their total and exclusive devotion to him.*

*14-15 Because God is jealous for his people's unqualified allegiance.*

*20-24 Because he has saved them - redeemed them out of Egypt, from slavery*

*Present these back to the group for discussion.*

#### **Just like the Israelites, we are to live in radical obedience to God.**

**How does Titus 2:11-15 extend our reasons for doing so?**

*Redeemed by Jesus from wickedness to be a people for God (no longer just natural born Israel).*

#### **Why are Israel so strongly urged to not forget the Lord? What is Moses great fear for the people as they are about to head into the promised land?**

*v12, 6-9*

*Remembrance is demonstrated in obedience.*

*If they forget God's instructions they would inevitably fall into disobedient idolatry and face God's covenantal judgement v14-15.*

*They needed to obey God and the only way to do that was to keep reminding themselves of God's word.*

How did this work out for Israel?

**Is this our fear for one another?**

**How were they to remind themselves and each other?**

**Draw icons or pictures of each activity.**

*v7-9 Teach them to their kids - fix them deeply into their minds*

*Talk about it any and every time, place and activity*

*On arms and heads, door frames and gates*

*v 20-24 Know the reasons God has given for obedience and remind each other of these*

**How would you explain this passage to someone who was about to join our Growth Group later this year?**

*This should summarise the study as well as highlight the significance of doing this intro study together at the start of the year.*

**To be growing in exclusive and total devotion to our magnificent saving God is what we want for each other this year.**

**From both Deuteronomy 6 and Titus 2 how can we be encouraging each other towards this?**

**What will that look like?**

**What won't that look like?**

**Finish in prayer for each other and your growth group for the year.**