

What Are We Aiming At?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- Focus my spiritual life in my most _____
_____ first. (vs. 4-9)

- Intentionally _____ to love God. (Heart, vs. 5)

- Strive to _____ what God _____.
(Soul, vs. 5)

- Radically _____ my resources in God's
_____. (Might, vs. 5)

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. What comes to mind first when you hear the word family? Do you have a group of people that you consider "real family?" What makes these relationships so deep?

2. After hearing today's sermon, how would you define loving God with your heart? Soul? Strength? How does the biblical understanding of love differ from our culture's assumptions about love?

3. As you think about your life, what are some things that you love? (What do you think about effortlessly, or gladly spend time and money on?) If you were to grow in an undivided love for God, how do you think your life would change?

4. This week, set aside 30 minutes and discuss the following with those you call family:
 - a. Have someone read Mark 12:28-34.
 - b. How many of the Ten Commandments can you think of? Is it possible to obey each one without loving God and others?
 - c. Who should we think of as neighbors?
 - d. Have each person think of a way they can love God and others today.
 - e. Has anyone obeyed these commandments perfectly today? this week? Has anyone EVER obeyed them perfectly? (Hint: the answer is yes!) How should we respond when we fall short?