

## Small Group Guide: Loving God and Teaching His Word

### Opening Prayer

### Key Takeaways:

1. God gives us rules and guidelines because He cares for us and wants what's best for us.
2. God is a personal God who keeps His promises to His people.
3. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul, and might.
4. We should teach and share God's word with others, especially our children.

### Discussion Questions:

1. The speaker mentions how he didn't appreciate his parents' rules as a child but later understood their value. Can you share a similar experience where you gained new perspective on rules or guidance you once resisted?
2. How does understanding God as a personal, caring God who keeps His promises impact your relationship with Him?
3. The sermon emphasizes loving God with our heart (desires), soul (eternal purpose), and might (willpower). Which of these aspects do you find most challenging in your own life, and why?
4. Discuss ways you can practically incorporate teaching and sharing God's word in your daily life, both with family and others.
5. The speaker mentions the importance of memorizing Scripture. What strategies have you found helpful for Scripture memorization?
6. How does the promise of eternal life in Christ motivate you to live differently in your everyday life?
7. The sermon compares the speaker's passion for soccer to our potential passion for God. What are some ways we can cultivate a deeper "obsession" with God in our lives?

### Practical Applications:

1. Choose a verse from Deuteronomy 6 to memorize this week. Share it with the group next time you meet.
2. Identify one area of your life where you can more intentionally "love God with all your heart, soul, and might." Make a plan to focus on this area this week.
3. Create a simple plan to share something about God's character or promises with someone in your life this week (family member, friend, coworker, etc.).
4. Reflect on God's faithfulness in your life. Write down 3-5 ways God has kept His promises to you personally.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His care, faithfulness, and promises. Ask for His help in loving Him more deeply and sharing His word more consistently.