

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

New Year / Same God Message Series

Lord of All
for the week of January 5, 2020

1. What are some of the most common New Year's resolutions that people make?
2. Can you think of a New Year's resolution that you were able to keep an entire year? Why do you think most resolutions fail?

All too often, New Year's resolutions are made based on what we believe we can accomplish in our own strength for our own benefit. If we really want to experience change, we must place our focus on loving God. This week we'll take a look at an Old Testament passage that Jesus quoted when he was asked what the greatest commandment was, and we will find one of the ways that God desires to change us from the inside out.

3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. In the context of the surrounding nations, what is meant by "The Lord our God, the Lord is one"? (verse 4).
4. If you already have raised kids, were you able to share God's word in the normal rhythms of daily life (morning time, drive time, meal time, bed time)? What worked well for your family? What didn't work so well?

If you are still raising your kids or hope to one day, how can you be more intentional in using those daily rhythms of morning time, drive time, meal time, and bed time to share and discuss God's Word as a family?"

5. What might it look like to talk about God's commands "when you sit at home and when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up" in today's world?
6. The Jews would literally tie God's commands on their hands and bind them to their foreheads, but how do we live that out from a modern perspective?
7. Jesus simplifies pursuing God by making it about loving Him with our whole lives, and loving others (including those we disagree with and don't like) as ourselves. Is this freeing or challenging for you?"
8. Do you have a plan in place for daily Bible reading? How can group can help you to be consistent in reading God's Word in 2020?
9. It's easy to make time in the Bible part of a daily checklist. How can we keep our focus on loving God with our whole lives as we engage with his Word?



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