

# CENTERGROVE CHURCH

*Scriptures for further study*

Ephesians 6:1-4 | Hebrews 10:19-25 | Colossians 3:1-4

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

*"Life is good when life is God's" -Dr. Steve Cortis*

1. As a child, who was the primary teacher of scripture in your life?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-7. Moses pleads like a father to fathers and mothers to teach and live out before their families God's version of the "good life." Moses' plea reveals three spiritual conditions that each family needs for wholeness and success. What are these three conditions according to Pastor Cortis?
3. How are both fear and love important motivations in these verses?
4. When it comes to God, the Bible generally speaks of two kinds of fear. There is "terror fear" and "worship fear." In verses 1-3, a healthy understanding of fear in this context is paramount. What is the difference between terror-based fear and worship-based fear? Which motivational fear best describes your family's spiritual journey?
5. In verses 4-5, why was it important for the Israelites to proclaim the oneness of God? How was the religious climate of Israel different from the religious climate of our community? In what ways might it be similar?
6. Whatever gets our full affection gets our undivided attention and investment. What are some common objects and relationships that rival God for our devotion?
7. Peruse your family calendar and checkbook. If an audit were done of where your family goes and what your family does, what would it reveal matters most to your family?
8. In verses 6-7, what does it mean to have the Word of God "on your heart?" How does having the Word of God on your heart impact your parenting, especially in the way that you teach your children about God?
9. Parents can claim or reclaim God for their family and their family for God with the practice of the spiritual rhythm of family devotions. How will you put into place this spiritual rhythm for your family?