



#BEYOND THE SELFIE

Meaningful Relationships in a Superficial World

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Relationship with God

Message by Pastor Brian Flewelling

Ice Breakers

- What is the most memorable activity you did this summer?
- When summer turns to fall what emotions or memories does that stir up in your life?

Discussion Questions:

1. On Sunday Pastor Brian said the first habit we need to develop with God is the habit of giving God our attention.
 - What is cluttering your weekly and monthly schedule, and competing for your time and attention with God?
 - In your daily schedule, what activities tend to lure you away from God when you could be spending time with Him? How can you stop that from happening?
 - Of the following God-habits, which ones come easier for you? Which ones do you struggle at?
 - a. Worship & celebration
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Reading the Bible
 - d. Relationships in Community
 - e. Meditation
 - How does God get your attention throughout your busy work day?

2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Moses is instructing the people to create God-habits into their daily lifestyle. Habits that shape their heart (v.6), their hands (v.8), and their heads (v.8).

- What are practical habits that help shape your heart, and help you love God from the depths of your heart?
- What are practical habits that help shape your head, and help you love God with your mind?
- What are practical habits that help shape your hands/activities, and help you love God with your lifestyle?

In verse 7 we are instructed to talk about God's word and his commands throughout our daily routine, "when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

- How do you include God in your family conversations?
- How do you include God in your business and travels?
- What God-habits would be helpful for you in the morning; "when you get up?"
- What God-habits would be helpful for you in the evening; "when you lie down?"

This passage is very concerned with keeping God's commands.

- Looking at all nine verses, why are we told we are supposed to obey God's commands; how does it benefit us to obey them?
- Do you have a personal story of how life did not go well for you when you choose to ignore one of God's commands?
- In verse 3 he says "be careful to obey." After experiencing the consequences of disobediences, how did you start taking more caution to follow God's commands?
- What are some of the reasons we give for not obeying God's commands?

3. On Sunday we learned "giving God our heart" should be a regular habit.

- Has it been easy or difficult for you to learn to give God your heart? Why?
- How does Christianity look different when a person gives God their heart, verses fulfilling their duty?
- What are some of the fears or obstacles that prevent you from giving God your heart?
- How has it changed your life to start giving God your heart?
- How do we keep our relationship with God inspired, creative, and energized, and not tired and boring?