

Small Group Guide: Returning to God  
September 20, 2025

Key Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:1-10

Discussion Questions:

1. The message emphasizes the importance of "returning" to God. What does this concept mean to you personally? How have you experienced returning to God in your own life?
2. The pastor mentions the importance of reading the Bible well and thinking deeply about Scripture. What are some ways we can improve our Bible study habits individually and as a group?
3. How does the idea of corporate atonement (as mentioned for Yom Kippur) relate to our individual walks with God? How might our personal repentance impact the broader Body of Messiah?
4. The message states, "We have to be all-in in our love for God." What does being "all-in" look like in practical terms? What are some challenges to loving God with our whole heart and soul?
5. How do you understand the tension between living in obedience to God and struggling with our flesh? How can we navigate this tension in our daily lives?

Key Takeaways:

1. Returning to God is a central theme in Scripture.
2. Reading the Bible well involves understanding context, culture, and asking thoughtful questions.
3. Our individual relationship with God impacts the entire Body of Messiah.
4. God desires our freely chosen, wholehearted devotion and obedience.

5. We live in the tension of the "now and not yet" of God's Kingdom.

Practical Applications:

1. Commit to a deeper study of Scripture. Choose a book of the Bible to study in-depth over the next month.
2. Practice daily self-examination and repentance, considering how your spiritual life impacts others.
3. Identify one area where you can be more "all-in" in your devotion to God. Make a specific plan to grow in that area.
4. Reflect on God's faithfulness to Israel and how it relates to your own faith journey.
5. Look for ways to encourage and support fellow believers in their walk with God.