

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

God is One



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

Getting started: If someone were to write a biography about you, what would the title be? Is there one thing about you that captures who you are?

The text – Deuteronomy 6:1–25

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:1–3. How are the commands life giving? Do you think of OT laws in this way?
2. Read, and then try to recite from memory, Deuteronomy 6:4–5

Discuss these different translations of verse 4:

- *Hear, O Israel, Yahweh our God, Yahweh one.*
- *Hear, O Israel, Yahweh our God is one Yahweh.*
- *Hear, O Israel Yahweh is our God alone.*
- *Attention, Israel! GOD, our God! GOD the one and only!*

3. What can we learn about being human from the mention of heart, soul and strength. In what ways can each of these be used to express love for God?
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:6–25. What factors can make Israel forget God? What practices will aid their memory? Why is this important (see, especially v 25)?

The Scriptures – Deuteronomy 6:1–25 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. What place does Deuteronomy 6 play in our lives according to Jesus? See Mark 12:28–34.
6. Are there many gods or only one? See Psalm 115:1–8; Isaiah 44:9–20; 1 Cor 8:4–6; 1 Cor 15:20–28.
7. How does the Christian understanding of the Trinity add to our understanding of Deuteronomy 6:4?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Deuteronomy 6:1–25 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. Do you think of God's commands as impossible, burdensome or life-giving?
9. Where do you direct your heart, soul and strength?
10. What situations make you forgetful of God? What practices aid your memory?