

4 **Deuteronomy 6:1-25**

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

1. Pray and read Deuteronomy 6:1-25.
2. Explore the meaning of the phrase 'milk and honey' (v.3; cf Ex 3:8). What does this phrase communicate about what God is promising the people of Israel?
3. Love for God (v.5) is paired with God's commandments (v.6). Why require love? Why doesn't God just command people to do what he says? Discuss.
4. The Israelites are to teach and pass down the commandments to their children (v.2). They are to 'impress them on your children' (v.7). What is the significance of mentioning the requirement to teach children?

5. What do you notice about the different ways of teaching these commandments in verses 7-9?
6. What is your own reaction to the kind of devotion called for in learning God's law? Are we called as Christians to the same level of devotion? If so, then what parts of the New Testament might you find to support this?
7. List out the different dangers the Israelites need to be careful of in verses 10-17. Which of these dangers might be present in our own day and pose a threat to our faith in God?
8. In verse 25, does Moses mean that keeping the covenant law is the basis for righteousness or does it mean that keeping the law is the expression of faithful devotion? (cf. Dt 24:13; Rom 4:1-5) Discuss.

9. What strategies do Christians use today to teach children about God and how to follow Jesus? How can we as individuals and as a church encourage and support this?
10. Pick a verse from chapter 6 that you will commit to think about and memorise this week.
11. Pray for each other.