

Small Group & Personal Bible Study:

Memory Verse: Mark 12:30

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

Daily Meditation Reading:

- Day 1: Deuteronomy 4:1-14
- Day 2: Deuteronomy 4:15-31
- Day 3: Deuteronomy 4:32-49
- Day 4: Deuteronomy 5:1-22
- Day 5: Deuteronomy 5:23-33
- Day 6: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- Day 7: Deuteronomy 6:10-25

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Mark 12:30
- Step #2: Re-write Mark 12:30 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out something you discover from this passage and how God wants you to respond in obedience to this passage.

1. What is the difference between believing in Jesus and making Him the Lord of your life?

Many people claim to believe in Jesus. They may even believe He died on the cross to remove the guilt of their sins. But not all people make Him the Lord over their lives and begin to love Him with every part of their lives and live for Him and Him alone. That is what I believe is the difference. The more I read the teachings of Jesus the more I am convinced that as a redeemed child of God, I am called to love God and live for Him.

2. Why do you think so many Christians believe in Jesus but fail to trust and obey Him with their lives?

The world has so many distractions and Satan makes it his mission to keep followers of Jesus from living as light for Jesus. He may have lost the war but he will continue to try to win the battles by keeping Christians from living a life of trust and obedience to God.

3. Jesus said in Matthew 5:17 that He had not come to abolish the law but rather to fulfill it. What does that statement mean to you as a Christian walking with Jesus?

It gives me the comfort to know that I am no longer under the law because Jesus fulfilled it for me by his perfect life, death, and resurrection. It also tells me that if I am to be an imitator of God I should seek to live a life of obedience to God and to His will.

4. What has prevented you from truly making Jesus the Lord of your life?

Let your group wrestle with this question a little. Have them reflect on areas of their life they have not fully surrendered to God.

5. The question of the day is this, “If I belong to God, what should I give to Him?” How would you answer that question right now in your life?

This final question should give you plenty of opportunity for discussion which will lead towards building accountability for living in obedience to what God wants in the lives of His people. This should also be the direction of your prayer time.