

1 **Deuteronomy 6:4-5 is known as the Shema, after the first Hebrew word of verse 4 (listen, or hear).** Does “listen” have only to do with sound waves and eardrums? What else is God intending with that concept?

 What truth about God is expressed in the Shema? What command does it contain?

 Read Matthew 22:36-38. Why do you think Jesus identified this as the greatest command?

 What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?

2 **Why is it important to remember God’s Word and talk about it with others?**

 How might observing Deut. 6:13 help us keep the Lord close to our hearts and minds?

 How important is Scripture memorization in fulfilling these instructions?

 What are some other effective ways to remember the Lord and what He has done for us?

3 **What are the best ways to teach younger generations what it means to have one Lord, one love, and one loyalty?**

 *If a child asked you, "Why do we go to church?" how would you answer?*

 *If a teenager asked you, "Why does God give us so many rules? He forgives us when we mess up, so why should we try to obey His commands?" how would you answer?*

 *When we struggle answering these questions with clarity, what might that reveal about unhealthy ways that we view the worship gatherings or God's commands?*

**4** **What are some practical steps you can take to become more aware of the idols that tend to distract you from one Lord, one love, and one loyalty?**

 *What would need to change in your life this week in order to make your relationship with Christ your first priority?*

**5** **What memorials have you set up to remember the works and the words of the Lord?**

 *What is something recent God has done in and through you?*

 *What memorials could you set up this week?*

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- > *Ask God to expose and eliminate any idols in your life.*
- > *Pray for a single-hearted devotion to the one, true, and living God.*
- > *Ask God to search and try your heart to see if any affections for him have waned or been detoured to lesser things.*
- > *Thank God for his generosity, his work of redemption, and plan to prosper our lives.*
- > *Ask the Lord to sure up your loyalty and eliminate any doubts.*