

Living the Kingdom Life Part 6

Study Guide

AVAHAH - Loving God with Everything that You've Got

- Discuss what it means to you to follow Jesus with all the you have?
- Is it possible for the whole of my existence to be the focus of discipleship? Read **1 Corinthians 10:31** and discuss the possibilities of living every moment committed to following Jesus.
- **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7 together:** “***Hear***, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is ***one***! You shall ***love*** the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”
- Have a conversation about the word “love” in our culture and the various different meanings.
- The Hebrew word for love in Dt. 6 is **AVAHAH**. Take some time to go to www.blueletterbible.com and do a word study on this word in Deuteronomy 6:4.
- Just like many other Hebrew words, the word **AVAHAH** comes with multiple degrees of meaning. In the message this week, we discussed that understanding God’s **AVAHAH** would be paramount in understand what HE expects from His people in return. Read ***Jeremiah 31:3, Deuteronomy 4:37 and 1 John 4:19*** and meditate on God’s love. Discuss the love of God in your group together.

- Finish this sentence: God's people are called to respond to God's **AVAHAH** by showing **AVAHAH** in _____. This is the call of commitment in the Shema prayer.
- Read **Deuteronomy 10:12-13 and Leviticus 19:18** together and discuss the many ways that we show our love or **AHAVAH** for the LORD.
- Ultimately, **AVAHAH** means to act lovingly toward or to be loyal to. Compare that to last week's main point of serving the LORD alone. We said that the Shema prayer was an **oath of allegiance**. The word "love" is a **call to loyalty**.
- Read **Luke 6:27, John 14:15 and Matthew 22:36-40** and discuss what it means to actually love the LORD with all that we have.