



Small Group Discussion Guide

October 21, 2018

Sermon Title:

"The Battle Within"

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Scripture Reading: Psalm 67

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

Getting Started: What is the last great internal battle you've had over a major decision? How did you settle it? What was the outcome? Did it turn out to be the right decision?

Discussion:

1. In verse 1, Moses clearly declares that the following word was a part of the "commands, decrees and laws" that God gave him to pass on to the nation of Israel. In the context of this scripture, what event was in the very near future? (**Reference: Vs.1**) Moses also gives two reasons God gave for keeping His law. What were they? (**Reference: Vs.2**)
2. Although a significant part of this passage deals with laws to obey, what was the key command Moses gave Israel regarding how they related to God? Notice: When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded in kind to Moses' words. (**Reference: Matthew 22:34-40**) How, then, should we live in regard to Jesus' word?
3. Satan is always trying to cross up God's commands. As we are commanded to LOVE God with our whole being (**Vs. 5**), it stands to reason that Satan would try to attack us in each of these areas, thus interfering with our relationship with God. As we consider this fact, it would appear that we are, then, fighting a battle on multiple fronts. Satan will seek out the place in our lives where we seem to be the most vulnerable. Where might he presently be attacking you? Discuss how he attacks in these areas:
 - ***Our Mind: Distorting our thinking about God**
 - ***Our Will: Re-directing our ambitions**
 - ***Our Emotions: Tampering with our feelings**
 - ***Our Conscience: Influencing our moral compass**
4. Paul spoke of "the Battle Within" in the 7th chapter of Romans. Read this passage and see his response to what might otherwise be considered an unwinnable battle. (**Reference: Romans 7:21-25**) **Who does Paul say is the key to our victory?**

Closing: *Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared. **Have a blessed Holy Week. GO SHARE JESUS!***