



DISCIPLINES OF THE
Holy Spirit

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR CONNECT GROUPS

4 & 5 MARCH 2023

“LISTENING”

DEUTERONOMY 6.4-6

Suggestions for Making the Most of your Group Time

1. Begin by reviewing the video of the sermon, preferably before you meet together (see <https://www.brmc.org.sg/services/sermons/>).
2. Read the Scripture passage together, before entering into discussion.
3. Spend time on both question components, namely:
 - a. Comprehension (*Who? What? When? Why? How?*);
 - b. Application / Transformation (*So what? What action should I take? Perspective should I adopt? Value should I uphold? Emotion should I embrace? Habit should I develop? Desire should I nurture? etc*)
4. Discuss as few or as many questions as best fits your group’s current context and present stage in life.
5. Before ending your group session, allocate some time (15-20 min) to pray with and for one another.

Discussion Questions

1. From your review of the sermon and your reading of the Scripture passage, recap the key points of this sermon.

2. LISTEN

As a CG, read Deuteronomy 6:4-6 and Matthew 22:36-40. This text known as the “Shema” (Hebrew for “Hear”) occupies a place of prominence in both Old and New Testaments. (For more details, refer to the info sidebox).

Read also Deuteronomy 5:27 and Luke 10:28, which make clear that attentive hearing must be paired with obedient action.

- a) What are some of the challenges that make it hard for people in Singapore today to listen to and obey what the God of the Bible says?
- b) Do you have any suggestions as to how we can help each other meet these challenges to better listen and obey?

Sidebox The Shema

Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Ekhad.

These are the opening words of the Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4. To find out more about what they mean, and to better understand what it means to love God with all our heart, soul, and might, check out this series of 6 short videos: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/shema-series/>

3. LOVE

What are some ways in which you can express love for God during this 40 day season of Lent? Has your Connect Group considered The Giving Methodist annual Lent campaign? <https://mws.sg/product/tgm/> (Give Time. Money and/or Voice. Eat.Share.Connect.)

4. LIVE

a) What might “a fulfilling life” look like for you? Contrast this to what “a fulfilling life” might look like for a young girl in Afghanistan, or your domestic helper, or your colleague, or ...?

b) Read Deuteronomy 6.24. How is listening and obedience connected to God’s desire to give goodness and life to his people?

c) Whether as an individual or together as a CG, consider how the Lord might be leading you to contribute to the persons mentioned above, in some small ways, so they might live a fulfilling life as God desires for them?

Prayer Items

5. Pray for one another, that we would be empowered by God to live out the specific areas of application and transformation raised during the discussion time. Pray also for any needs that were mentioned.