

Small Group Bible Study Questions. Sermon by Pastor Brendan Dick. May 10'26: "Tanakh: Deuteronomy: Law + Life"

From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer. **Optional:** take communion together!

Icebreaker Question:

- Do you have any IKEA stories of building gone wrong?

READ Deuteronomy 5:22-23; 6:3-9; 6:24-25

- What details stand out to you?

Discussion Questions:

1. Moses repeatedly says that God's commands lead to "life" and flourishing. In what ways do we tend to view God's commands more like restrictions than invitations into life? What experiences have shaped that view for you?
2. The sermon emphasized that biblical "law" is better understood as God's wise instruction for human flourishing. Which of God's instructions do you think our culture most resists today, and what are the consequences when those instructions are ignored?
3. In Deuteronomy 6, Israel is commanded not only to love God themselves but to intentionally pass their faith on to the next generation. What practical habits, conversations, or rhythms help form faith in a home, friendship, or church community? (*Brendan mentioned Scripture as the story of the home, Worship as the soundtrack of the home, and Martyrs or amazing faith leaders as the Heroes of the home*).
 1. Where do you think Christians are struggling most in this area right now?
4. The sermon contrasted being formed by God's Word versus being formed by media, culture, or other "gods." What voices, habits, or influences are most shaping your understanding of "the good life"? How can we discern whether those influences are drawing us closer to Jesus or away from him?
5. The sermon ended by pointing to Jesus as the one who perfectly fulfilled the law and empowers us to obey through the Spirit. How does that change the way we think about obedience? What is the difference between trying harder to be good and responding to Jesus in love and dependence?

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Find a story of an inspiring faith leader from history and share it with your family
 - *Examples: Brother Andrew, Corrie Ten Boom, Bruchko, Jim Elliot, Polycarp, etc.*