

AT HOME AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

The Living Room – April 12, 2026
Deuteronomy 6:4–9, 1 Thessalonians 2:7–8

Check out this helpful resource:

Following Jesus - by Fellowship Bible Church- <https://bit.ly/4tBTaC5>

Life Together – by Dietrich Bonhoeffer - <https://bit.ly/4sndnuj>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW

Use these ice-breaker questions to warm up the group and set a relational tone before diving into the passage. The goal is to help people feel seen, heard, and at home—much like the “living room” theme of today’s study.

- Think about a living room you love—your own, a grandparent’s, a friend’s. What makes (or made) it special? What does it feel like to be there?
- Who is someone who disciplined or mentored you through relationship rather than a formal class or curriculum? What made their influence stick?
- Did you grow up in a home where faith was woven into everyday life—meals, car rides, bedtime? How did that shape you (for better or for challenge)?
- What is something you’re genuinely good at that you’ve taught someone else—not in a classroom but just by doing it together?
- Describe a friendship where you felt safe enough to be your “truest self.” What created that kind of safety?
- Finish this sentence: “One of the most important things I’ve ever learned, I learned not from a book but from watching _____ live their life.”
- Is your daily life more like a “parlor” (polished, formal, on display) or a “living room” (relaxed and real)? What drives that?
- If someone followed you around for a full day this week, what would they catch about your faith without you saying a single word?



GROW

- **Deut 6:4** — The Shema opens with a call to listen: *"Hear, O Israel."* Why does Israel's foundational command begin with hearing rather than doing? What does that reveal about the nature of discipleship? *Mark 12:29–30; Romans 10:17*
- **Deut 6:5** — Wholehearted love for God is the core from which everything else flows. Why can't discipleship be reduced to a program or method without it? How does love for God become the engine of relational discipleship? *Matt 22:37–40; John 21:15–17*
- **Deut 6:6** — *"These commandments are to be on your hearts"* — the call to carry truth internally comes before the command to teach it. How does a discipler who carries the Word on their heart differ from one who simply delivers content? What is the danger of discipling from an empty tank?
- **Deut 6:7** — Moses pictures discipleship happening at home, on the road, at bedtime, and at sunrise. How does this "as you are going" vision differ from a scheduled weekly teaching? What moments in your current week are you underusing?
- **Deut 6:8–9** — Commands bound on hands, foreheads, doorframes — images of total permeation. What would it look like for faith to be woven into every corner of your daily life? Where do you most tend to compartmentalize instead? *Col 3:16–17*
- **1 Thess 2:7** — Paul describes his ministry as being *"gentle among you, like a nursing mother caring for her own children."* Why does he choose such a tender, vulnerable image? What does it say about the posture required for relational discipleship? *Numbers 11:12; Isaiah 49:15*
- **1 Thess 2:8** — *"We were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."* What is the difference between sharing the gospel and sharing your life? Why is life-sharing essential and not optional in true discipleship? *Acts 20:20; John 13:35*
- **Mark 5:18–20** — After his healing, the man begs to follow Jesus. Instead Jesus says, *"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you."* Why home rather than the traveling group? What does this teach about discipling within your existing relationships — family, neighbors, coworkers?
- *"More is caught than taught. You can teach your kids what you know, but you reproduce what you are."* — John Maxwell. What are some things about authentic faith that can only be caught through proximity — not transferred through information alone? Can you think of something you "caught" from watching someone live their faith?



SHOW

- Think of one person in your everyday life—a neighbor, coworker, family member, someone at school—who needs to be invited into your "living room." What would that invitation look like this week?
- If you are a parent, grandparent, or someone who influences children or teenagers: what is one specific habit you will put in place this week to bring Deuteronomy 6 to life in your home? (Example: a question at dinner, a Scripture on the mirror, a prayer at bedtime.)