



Student Summer Camp Celebration

Group Discussion Guide | July 27

Introduction and initial summer camp discussion (10 minutes)

This past weekend, we celebrated all that God has done with our students over the course of the summer. With camp experiences for kids, pre-teens, teens, and our special needs ministry, our students engaged in bible study, community, prayer, and more – all to achieve one goal: to connect our students to Jesus.

- Can you share a personal story of a time when a camp, retreat experience, or time at church growing up impacted your own faith journey?
- What was one takeaway you had from the celebrations highlighted this past weekend?
- How does celebrating the students' camp experiences inspire us to deepen our own commitment to spiritual growth?

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and discuss the sermon (30 minutes).

- **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7.** What does this passage teach you about God? Why is that aspect of God important?
- What does it mean to love God with heart, soul, and strength? What does that look like for you in your own life?
- In his sermon, Dan stated that, "God wants us to teach our children to love him completely." If you have kids, do you view part of your role as a parent to lead your children spiritually? What does that look like for you? If you do not have kids, what role does a faith community play in nurturing the next generation's relationship with God? How can this group help in this regard practically?
- How can you incorporate "talking about [God's commands] when you sit at home and when you walk along the road" (Deuteronomy 6:7) into your interactions with the students in our church community?
- What barriers to God do you feel like students face today? Explain.



- What do you think students need prayer for the most these days?

Split into smaller groups to pray for our students (10 minutes).

Take a few minutes to split into smaller groups to pray for our students. Here are a few prayer points:

1. Pray that our church community, including students and adults, would love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength (as called for in Deuteronomy 6:4) and that this love would be evident in our daily lives.
2. Pray for the students who attended summer camp, that the experiences and lessons they learned would take root in their hearts and inspire a deeper relationship with God.
3. Pray for wisdom and opportunities for parents, leaders, and the church community to diligently teach God's commands to the next generation (as instructed in Deuteronomy 6:7) especially as students return from camp.
4. Pray that the students would apply the spiritual truths they encountered at camp in their everyday lives, keeping God's Word in their hearts (Deuteronomy 6:6) as they navigate school, friendships, and challenges.
5. Pray that our church would be united in our commitment to nurturing the faith of our students, creating a supportive community that reflects the truth of "the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4) through our actions and love.

Share prayer requests and pray for one another in your smaller groups (10 minutes).

Finally, as you finish your group time, take a few minutes to share prayer requests and pray with and for one another.