

Taking it Deeper - Discussion notes  
Biblically Faithful  
Deuteronomy 6.4-9  
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*Note - these notes are designed to facilitate a small group discussion to “take deeper” and apply personally the Sunday message. The questions are meant to stimulate discussion. Of course you are welcome to add more questions, or take away. You know your group.*

*Sunday summary - The bible is God-inspired. It’s God’s word. But it’s also got lots of mysterious and difficult bits - just like family. How will you engage with it?*

Intro question - What has been your experience reading the Bible?

Read Deuteronomy 6.4-9

What are the different types of literature in the Bible? Which type interests you the most and why?

Watch this video as a group “The Bible as Jewish Meditation Literature” and discuss (you won’t need a VPN).

<http://bible.com/v/px>

I recommend you watch it a second time.

What does this video say about detail in the narrative? (or the omission of detail)

Are these ambiguities & puzzles intentional or not?

What are we meant to do with these ambiguities in the story?

This video calls the Bible “Jewish Meditation Literature.”

How does the Bible describe it’s ideal reader? (see Psalm 1.2)

What does meditate mean?

How is the community involved in our Bible reading?

What remarkable thing happens as we meditate on the Bible?

What is the literary genius of the Bible?

What does it mean when “the bible starts to read you”?

What adjustment would you like to make in your personal Bible reading?

Prayer suggestion. Stay together as a group. Give thanks for the amazing gift of the bible. Pray we never take it for granted.