

Outside the Box

1. Outside In

A. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and then watch this short video from the Bible Project on the Shema: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KQLOuIKaRA>. What does it mean that the Lord our God is One? It denotes the idea of either uniqueness or unity.

B. How big is God in your estimation? In your imagination? Whatever your idea is of how God is, He's bigger, more grandiose, more full of grace. God created our massive universe, watch this short video to get an idea of how grand our God is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRilWLO4po8>

2. Inside Out

A. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9

B. Tuck it (in your heart)

i. How do you tuck God's word in your heart?

ii. How often do you memorize Scripture? Would you consider memorizing the passage for this lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9?

C. Teach it (to your children)

i. How a parent talks to their children often becomes the child's inner monologue. How do you speak to your children? What are you feeding their mind and soul?

ii. God wants to be our inner monologue. When we believe, repent, and get baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and become our inner monologue. The Spirit is nourished and strengthened by God's word. Do you receive your "daily bread" from God's word?

D. Talk about it (in your home and on the road)

i. How often do you and your household have a family/household devotional? Is God and his word a regular part of the conversation in your home?

ii. Do you take the Lord with you, everywhere you go? Do you meditate on Him first thing in the morning and the last thing at night? What do you feel more attached to: God's word or your cell phone?

E. Take it (out of your house and out of your city)

i. God's word being written on the doorposts of your house means that when you leave your home you take it with you. It also means that no matter what happens when you are outside of the home, when you come back in, you are to recenter yourself with God's word to be a light to those within your home. How can we do this today?

ii. Israel lived in physical cities; the church is the spiritual city or community of God. How can we have God's word written on our "city gates" to be observed when we come and when we go? In what ways can you "be good news" in your community this week?

3. Jesus gave all for us, so we should give God our all (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). This starts in our hearts, is nourished in our homes, taken out to the world to glorify God. Are you giving God your all? He's giving you His; He loves you dearly and gave his Son for you.