

**Discussion Guide -- “Marinated Life”**  
**Week of April 22, 2018**

**Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Ephesians 5:18**

- When Moses gave a summary of all God wanted the Israelites to know and do, he focused on one primary command (Deut. 6:5). Why just this one? Why not focus on the other 9 commands too?
- What does it mean to love God with all your “heart, soul and strength?” What should that look like in the “real world” Monday through Saturday? Should it look any different on Sunday?
- Moses gave some intriguing applications to this command in Deut. 6:7-9. He was basically saying we should let our love for God become so much a part of our daily lives that it marinates and flavors every aspect of who we are and what we do. Why is it important?
- Why do you suppose the Bible uses the analogy of being drunk with wine (Ephesians 5:18) to introduce the concept of being filled with God’s Spirit? In what ways are they (drunk / filled with Spirit) similar? In what ways are they different?
- How is the concept of being filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18) similar to the analogy of being “marinated” by your commitment to God (Deut. 6:5-9)?
- What kind of changes might you need to make in order to “marinate” your life with love for God? What difference might it make in your life? What difference might it make in your family? In your relationships with others? In the church?