"SERVICE Group" Interactive Discussion Guide

This Week's Core Practice: Single-mindedness—I focus on God and His priorities for my life.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

SERVICE Focus: Spiritual Formation—We will assess regularly our growth as apprentices of Jesus Christ and encourage each other to set and achieve personal growth goals.

Option 1— The Closet of Discipleship - Deuteronomy 10:1-22

(Plan 30 minutes for your "study time" by focusing on the * questions and filling out your discussion with the other questions. Be sure to leave time for sharing personal requests and praying for one another.)

Open It

- 1. *What bothers you most when someone is not listening to you?
- 2. What types of risks are involved in dreaming big dreams?
- 3. If you were walking alone at night, whom would you want alongside you?

Explore It

- 4. What did the Lord tell Moses to chisel out? (10:1)
- 5. What did God say He would write on the tablets? (10:2)
- 6. Where did Moses go after he made the ark? (10:3)
- 7. What did God put on the tablets? (10:4)
- 8. Where did Moses put the tablets when he came down the mountain? (10.5)
- 9. Where was Aaron buried? (10:6)
- 10. What is the reason the Levites have no inheritance? (10:7-9)
- 11. *Who listened to Moses when he was on the mountain? (10:10)
- 12. What did God tell Moses to do? (10:11)
- 13. *How did the Lord ask Israel to listen to Him? (10:12-13)
- 14. What belongs to the Lord? (10:14)
- 15. On whom does the Lord set His affection? (10:15)
- 16. What did God command Israel to do? (10:16)
- 17. How is the character of God described in this passage? (10:17-18)
- 18. Whom is Israel called to love? (10:19)
- 19. *What are the reasons Israel is told to listen to God? (10:20-22)

Get It

- 20. *What difficulties do we face when we don't listen to God?
- 21. How does God's negative description of Israel relate to how we treat God?
- 22. What is the difference between listening and hearing?
- 23. How can listening to God and hearing God be two separate things?
- 24. How can you know whether God is speaking to you?
- 25. What does the character of God in this passage tell us of His desire to speak to us?
- 26. *In what way are the Ten Commandments a good place to begin listening to the Lord?

Apply It

- 27. *When is a time you can listen to the voice of God through His Word this week?
- 28. Where is a quiet place you can spend time listening to God today in prayer?
- 29. Which one of the Ten Commandments challenges you the most in honoring God?

Option 2—Discussion of Sunday's Sermon (slides posted on "Pastor's Blog")

- What significance does the passage/message have for you today?
- What does the passage/message mean to you?
- What does the passage/message affect your life?
- What can we learn about God, Christ, ourselves, our responsibility, our relationship to others?
- How does it reinforce this week's core commitment?
- What do you want to do in response?
- What do we want to do in response?
- What will you take away from the sermon? From our group?

Option 3—Relate Your Study to Our Core Commitments

- What Core Commitment(s) does our study reinforce?
- What can we learn from this passage about this week's Core Commitments?
- How can we live this passage individually? As a group?
- What do we agree to do in response to this passage?