

## **Scripture and Scripture's reflection:**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them

when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them

on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

God's people have been called to "do faith" in many contexts through the ages. In every context, God's people have created new and adapted old approaches to faith's expression. Since March 2020, we have been learning how to "do faith" during a pandemic. We have abandoned some things, adapted others, created new things. We have wrestled with technology. We have grieved losses. We have celebrated new successes. And we may have even redefined success. We ponder how our faith community will go about "doing faith" in the future.

**God's people have been called to do faith formation in many contexts through the ages:**

**The desert**

**The temple**

**In exile**

**In synagogues**

**In house churches**

**In catacombs**

**In medieval cathedrals**

**In village chapels**

**In factory towns**

**On the frontier**

**In immigrant parishes**

**In the suburbs**

**During times of persecution**

**During times of social dominance for the church**

**During peace**

**During war**

**During depressions**

**During economic expansion.**

**NOW!**