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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these for personal reflection, family devotional time, or in any other group discussion setting.

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 - a. If you had to paraphrase this section of scripture or had to summarize it in layman's terms, how would you do that? (What's the heart of the prayer?)
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 4:1-14.** Do you see any hints of behavior that might be a part of God's strategy for his people to impact the nations around them? When we live according to God's design and plan, who is the only one who should get credit for anything good we accomplish or discover on the journey of life? In what ways is your life "set apart" from those around you? Are there things in your life that you're tempted to take credit for or to hold onto as if they're yours (resources, personality traits, sacrifices made, family, professional accomplishments, social status, etc)?
- 3. Read Deuteronomy 10:12-22.** Summarize what is being said in these verses. What is their meaning? How would God want to use this in your life? What are the application points for you? How does the coming of Jesus and the pouring out of God's Spirit tie into these passages? How would someone "have their heart circumcised?" What does that mean?

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