



**Life Group Study
God With Us
Deuteronomy**

The book of Deuteronomy is written in the form of a treaty between a king and his vassal state typical of the second millennium B.C. It calls Israel to remember who God is and what he has done. Lacking faith. The old generation had wandered for 40 years and died in the desert. They left Egypt behind, but never knew the promised land. Then on the east bank of the Jordan River, Moses prepared the sons and daughters of that faithless generation to possess the land. After a brief history lesson emphasizing God's great acts on behalf of his people, Moses reviewed the law. Then he restated the covenant-God's contract with his people.

The lessons are clear. Because of what God has done, Israel should have hope and follow him; because of what he expects, they should listen and obey; because of who he is, they should love him completely. Learning these lessons will prepare them to possess the promised land.

As you hear the message of Deuteronomy, remember how God has expressed his kindness in your life, and then commit yourself anew to trust, love, and obey him. (NIV Life Application Bible intro).

Read Deuteronomy 4: 1-9

What do these verses say about the importance of obedience to God? How can these principles impact the way you teach your children and even go about your daily life?

In verses 6 & 7 what can be said about how other nations will perceive following God's laws? How does that apply today in our own sphere of influence?

What are some take-aways from verse 9 when it comes to remembering what God has done for you in the past? How can you use these positive God stories with your kids, neighbors and co-workers?

Read Deuteronomy 6: 4-19

What are 3 or 4 solid principles that you can pull out of this passage to help facilitate a balanced Godly life? Is there 1 principle that, through prayer, could help you in your walk or relationship with someone close?

Read verse 5 from Deuteronomy and then Matthew 22:37-39. How should this commandment totally RULE our lives? If we can really live this way how will this impact everyone around us?

In verses 5-8 we are implored to “Impress” on our children God’s commandments and in to do that in organic and creative ways. What are some ways you have done this with your children or someone you may be mentoring?

In verse 15 it says that the Lord your God is a jealous God; why is this so important in our Christian lives to understand this and keep this close to our hearts?

Read Deuteronomy 8: 1-10

Verse 2 talks about how God humbled his people for 40 years in the desert. What are some ways we learn best when we go through some real humbling times? Share a story or two-we all have them.

Verse 4 talks about clothes not wearing out and feet that didn’t swell for 40 years. What is the significance of this? How should the Israelites have reacted? How do we react when we receive obvious blessings from God?

Do we apply verse 10 to our lives or are we often calloused to a pretty good life in our culture we live?

How can we be truly grateful and thankful for ALL God has done for us? Please share ways we can have a perpetual thankful heart to God?

Group Prayer

Pray for ways we can be parents that live a life where true spirituality is both taught and caught in our homes. Also pray for ways we can be obedient and thankful for everything God has given to us and done for us.