

## **Taking It Home**

Deuteronomy supplies the boundaries and conditions for living in relationship with God. This relationship is by agreement between Him and each of us. It requires consideration of what He has done for us in the past as well as the necessary guidelines for maintenance of that relationship. He is the greater party of the agreement and we are the lessor. He never fails to live up to His end of the covenant therefore it can only be violated by us. All of this suggests that we must be a committed participant in caring for our relationship with Him.

Take time this week to reflect on and answer the following about your relationship with God: (It would be helpful to write your answers out).

What do you remember God doing in your life?

What do you know He has forgotten?

I am a chosen person of God because \_\_\_\_\_.

How am I serving Him?

Is He truly Lord of every area of my life?

Am I motivated to seek His favor or do I just want to escape His wrath?

What changes can I make in my life to grow in my relationship with Him?



## **Small Group Lesson - Deuteronomy**

*Deuteronomy Journey for the week of Oct. 20, 2013*

### **Quick Review:**

What principle, insight or observation from Sunday's message was the most helpful, eye opening or troubling?

### **My Story:**

Read 1 Corinthians 5:17.

Can you remember the difference God made in your life when you accepted Jesus as your savior? What things passed away and what new things came into your life?

Read Philippians 2:12.

Reflecting on your answers to the first question, what does it mean to you to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling?" How would you describe the relationship you have with Jesus? What promises are part of that relationship?

## Digging Deeper:

The theme of this book is “remembering”. God made certain unconditional promises to the nation of Israel. He has made certain unconditional promises to those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. These promises set His people apart from all other people on the face of the earth. His promises contain life changing power for living in this life and assurance of eternal life with Him. We must take care to hold His blessings sacred and remember always what He has done.

In Chapter 1 Moses recounts the events of the nations rebellion at the Jordan River which happened forty years before. Why do you think He did so? Why do you think God chose to punish Israel for forty years?

Read Hebrews 8:7-13. This section discusses the promise of a new covenant and the breaking of the old covenant. Discuss verse seven. How was the first covenant faulty? How was God going to rectify this? Discuss verse 12. Think about the contrast of what we are to remember and what He says He will forget?

Pastor Bob discussed the type of covenant made between God and His people. This type was used between kings and their subjects (greater to lessor). One inference of such a covenant is that the king chooses who he is going to covenant with. Read Deut.7:7,8. In what sense are we a “chosen” people?

A covenant is an agreement of relationship. All relationships, such as the marriage relationship, must be maintained. Certain responsibilities apply. Discuss the following aspects of responsibility that we have concerning our covenant relationship with God:

- Consider yourself a servant -

- Consider who you work for -

- Consider that you are rewarded now and hereafter

Review Deuteronomy 28: This chapter carries in more detail the blessings and the curses set before Israel which were generally stated in chapter 27. A review of the particulars reveal that either blessings or curses will have serious implications personally, for family and for the nation. They are designed to hold a person under the covenant to their godly duties. Discuss the difference between being motivated for the delight of God’s favor verses motivation which springs from the fear of God’s wrath.