



DISCUSSION GUIDE JANUARY 31, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

In the hustle and bustle of everyday living, we have a tendency to forget God. When we forget God, we replace Him with something. What do you find yourself focusing on rather than God?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:23-32

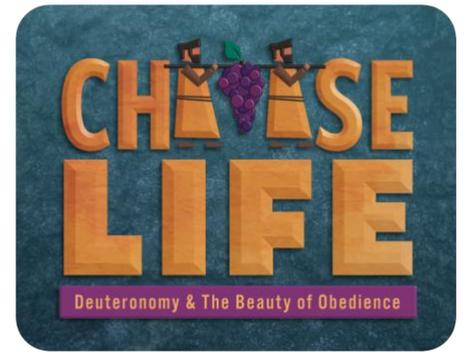
²³ Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden. ²⁴ For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

²⁵ After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time—if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the Lord your God and arousing his anger, ²⁶ I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed. ²⁷ The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the Lord will drive you. ²⁸ There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell. ²⁹ But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰ When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. ³¹ For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.

- With the admonition to not forget God and His covenant in verses 23-24, what challenges do idols play concerning the relationship of the LORD with His people?
- What is the “if...then” reasoning of verses 25-31?
- What does this reveal about God’s desire for His people?
- In verse 29, what does the text share concerning the way we are to find God and what does it mean to seek God with all your heart and soul?

Do Big

- What idols do you currently worship on a daily basis?
- How do these idols take away from your relationship with God?
- How will you work this week to rid yourself of your idols?



LEADERS

Read Deuteronomy 4

Background:

The word “covenant” is used at least twenty-seven times in Deuteronomy and some scholars say this word in Hebrew means, “to eat bread”. In the East, when people broke bread together, they formed a covenant or treaty to help and protect each other (see Genesis 26:26-35) It is interesting to note that God acts without form as He addresses the sin of idolatry (see Deuteronomy 4:15-20).

Key Thoughts

The priorities of your life are a good indicator of your faithfulness to God.

Challenge

Spiritual idolatry today is a very real challenge for all. This week read these texts to take inventory of your life and any idols you may need to repent of: Philippians 3:19 Colossians 3:5-6 Romans 1:25ff

Weekly Memory Verse

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

John 1:7-9