



DISCUSSION GUIDE MARCH 7, 2021

Dive In

God demonstrates His constant care for us in the past, present, and future. In what ways does He do this? Is it more natural for you to remember what God has done already, be grateful for how He is working in your life now, or anticipate the ways He may bless you in the future?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **13** and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? **14** To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. **15** Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. **16** Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. **17** For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. **18** He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. **19** And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. **20** Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. **21** He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. **22** Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

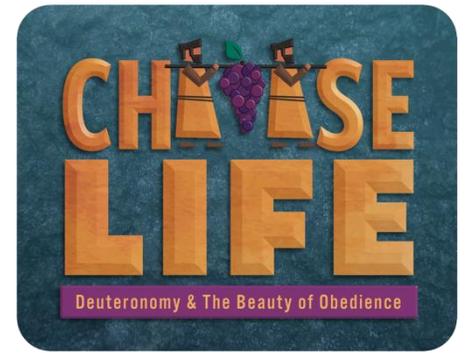
- What are the five responses (imperatives) the LORD God wants from His people in verses 12-13? Why are these important?
- Describe the qualities or character of God in verses 14-22. What kind of relationship does God seek with His people?

Do Big

Verse 18 singles out some whom God loves. God places in each of us a “holy discontent,” an unease or sadness about something wrong in the world. Do you feel drawn to a particular issue or group where you could join God in working to better it?

Ask God to “circumcise your heart” (vs. 16) and allow it to break in the way His breaks. What is one thing you can do this week to serve those God cares for? (Hebrews 20-21)

Take a moment each day this week to praise God for the ways He blesses you in the past, present, and future.



LEADERS

For Context:

Read Deuteronomy 9 and 10.

Key Thoughts

Five imperatives are given in verses 12-13, fear, walk, love, serve & observe, which work in progression to mature our relationship with God.

A central element of these imperatives is love which Moses uses six times in Deuteronomy 10 & 11.

The significance of love is seen in Romans 13:10.

A balance of the fear of the Lord and love for the Lord is the result of a growing understanding of the attributes of God and a trusting relationship with God.

Challenge

Your joy makes a statement about your belief concerning the sovereignty of God. So, share some joy this week. God has this.

Weekly Memory Verse

“And we know that in all things God works for the good to those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28