



DISCUSSION GUIDE MARCH 21, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

When you think about the word “worship” what comes to mind?
A Place? An action?

Dig Deep

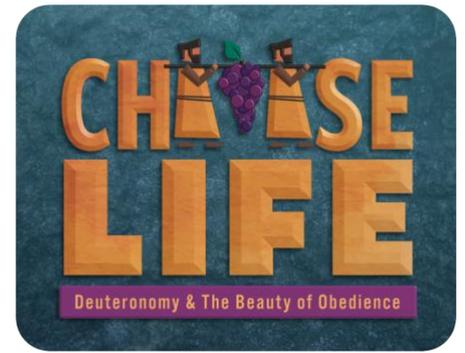
Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 12:1-8

1 These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you to possess—as long as you live in the land. **2** Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains, on the hills and under every spreading tree, where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. **3** Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places. **4** You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. **5** But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go; **6** there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes, and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. **7** There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you. **8** You are not to do as we do here today, everyone doing as they see fit,

- Why was it so important to purge the land of Canaan of all idolatry? **12:1-3** (note Deut. 5:7)
- What are some benefits to the centrality of worship God directs the Israelites to do? **12:4-6**
- What is so significant about being able to worship “in the **presence** of the LORD your God”? **12:7-8**; Luke 23:45; John 14:1-7

Do Big

- What does David say it means to worship “In Christ”?
- How does the temple being not a place, but a person change how you worship?
- How should we enter into conversation or relationship with those who are outside of Christ?



LEADERS

Context

Read Deuteronomy 12-13

Background

Deuteronomy 1-5 reviews Israel’s past helping the new generation appreciate all that God has done for them.

Deuteronomy 6-11 shares how they should respond to the goodness of God and how to obey Jehovah.

Deuteronomy 12-13 reveals to God’s people how to worship Him in truth. The centrality of worship brings the benefits of God’s blessings, unity and stability to a people who were former slaves and nomads who now become conquerors and tenants in God’s land.

Challenge

This week take the time to talk about Jesus with a cashier, a coworker, or someone else that you would not typically talk about Jesus with.

Weekly Memory Verse

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6