



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

If the whole world began obeying God tomorrow, what would be different? Which services and occupations would become obsolete? How would your daily routine change?

Dig Deep

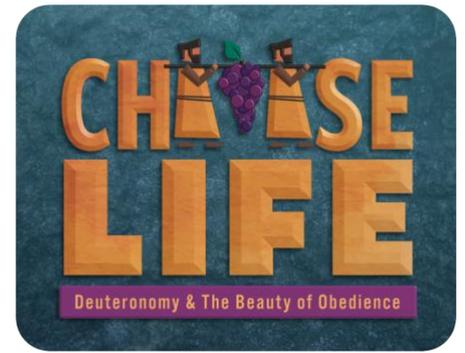
Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:4-11

4 However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, **5** if only you fully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all these commands, I am giving you today. **6** For the LORD your God will bless you as he has promised, and you will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. You will rule over many nations, but none will rule over you. **7** If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. **8** Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. **9** Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. **10** Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. **11** There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

- Why should God's people be generous and what promises does God give to His people as they exercise generous hearts (vs. 4-6,10)?
- Reconcile the ideal teaching of verse 4 with verse 11.
- God has given His people the freedom to make choices (Deut. 30:19-20). In this freedom what are we freed from and freed to do?

Do Big

In Zach Williams' song "Chain Breaker," he writes: *If you've got pain, He's a pain taker/If you feel lost, He's a way maker/If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior/If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.* Ask God to reveal to you where you are in bondage. Once He shows you, complete the following sentence: "God is offering to set me free, so today I will choose to..."



LEADERS

Context

Read Deuteronomy 15

Background:

God has called His covenant people to open both their hearts and their hands to help their brothers and sisters in the Lord as well as all people. In so doing all are blessed, the Lord is praised, and we begin to see the heart of God. See Proverbs 28:27; Matthew 25:34-40; Galatians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 1 John 3:14-18.

Weekly Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings, and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live **20** and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

