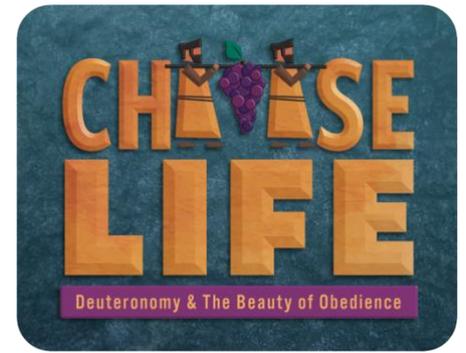




## DISCUSSION GUIDE

APRIL 25, 2021



### Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

**Two Truths & a Lie:** Ask for a volunteer from the group. Explain that the volunteer will offer up two true statements about him/herself and one lie. Then each member of the group will attempt to guess which statement is the false one. Once the guessing is finished and the lie has been revealed, ask about the strategy for picking the statements. What makes a lie less likely to be chosen? What makes the true statements sound false? List some examples of ways that the world often manipulates falsehoods to sound as if they are true.

### Dig Deep

**Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:9-22**

**9** When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. **10** Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, **11** or casts spells, or who is a medium or spirits or who consults the dead. **12** Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD; because of these same detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. **13** You must be blameless before the LORD your God. **14** The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so. **15** The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. **16** For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." **17** The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. **19** I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. **20** But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death." **21** You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?" **22** If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

- What two warnings were the Israelites given about how to know and validate truth? How would you discern who is a false prophet?
- The text says, "God will raise up for you a prophet like me..." Who could this be (note Deut. 34:9-12)?
- In John 7:16-18 Jesus teaches us that if you want to know what is taught is true what must you do?

### Do Big

If the world offers us a broken compass, too often sending us in the wrong direction, how can we know which way to go and which paths to trust? (Read the Scriptures to the right along with John 7:16-18.)

## LEADERS

### For Context Read:

**Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 18:9-22;  
34:9-22**

### Challenge:

Thank you to our leaders and to all our LIFE community members for your love for Jesus and one another. Spring is upon us and perhaps now may be a good time to plan on an outdoor gathering (picnic, cookout, games), and/or a service project to bless someone in need. We are incredibly grateful to the Lord for each of you and so proud of you.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:17b-19

### Weekly Memory Verses

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

**John 8:31-32**