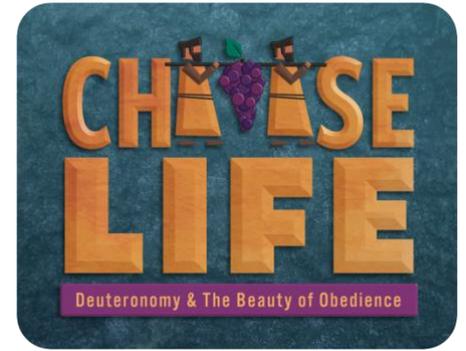




DISCUSSION GUIDE MAY 30, 2021



Dive In

- Discuss a time when your heart was moved toward the poor. How was your heart touched?

Dig Deep

Scripture: Deuteronomy 24:10-22

¹⁰When you make a loan of any kind to your neighbor, do not go into their house to get what is offered to you as a pledge. ¹¹Stay outside and let the neighbor to whom you are making the loan bring the pledge out to you. ¹²If the neighbor is poor, do not go to sleep with their pledge in your possession. ¹³Return their cloak by sunset so that your neighbor may sleep in it. Then they will thank you, and it will be regarded as a righteous act in the sight of the LORD your God.

¹⁴Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a foreigner residing in one of your towns. ¹⁵Pay them their wages each day before sunset, because they are poor and are counting on it. Otherwise they may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin.

¹⁶Parents are not to be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their parents; each will die for their own sin.

¹⁷Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. ¹⁸Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.

¹⁹When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. ²⁰When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. ²¹When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. ²²Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

- What is to be avoided and why when a loan is made to a neighbor? (24: 10-13)
- What are the “wins” from practicing the “fair labor” law in this text? (24:14-15)
- What was the concern for the underprivileged in Deut. 24:17-18?
- Who was the Lord concern for (24:19-20) and why was this important for the Israelites to understand (24:18, 22)?
- Why was it important to allow the aliens, orphans, and widows to harvest what was left from the first harvest (24:19-22)?

Do Big

- As a group, discuss ways you can attend to the poor in the coming weeks.
- What are tangible ways your group can help the poor?
- What are tangible ways you, as an individual, can help the poor?

LEADERS

Study Text:

Deuteronomy 24:10-22

Context:

Six principles from the text:

1. All you have is not all for you.
2. Remember God’s mercy, forget your excuses.
3. Sweat equity restores dignity.
4. Give from your heart and not in your name.
5. Lead your family in generosity.
6. Eliminate poverty of goods and Gospel.

Extra Credit Questions:

Why the need for affirming individual accountability?

(24:16 & Ezk. 18:4)

What misunderstanding of Exodus 20:5 necessitated this?

Weekly Memory Verse:

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” **Luke 6:38**

