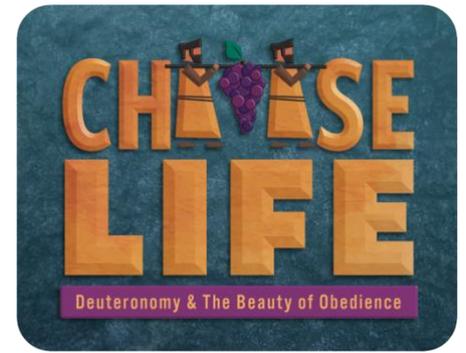




DISCUSSION GUIDE

JUNE 6, 2021



Dive In

Think of a time when you've felt "cared for" in some way (big or small). Describe the scenario and what it brings to mind. How would you characterize the person who did the care-taking?

Self-care is a popular buzzword right now. Why do you think that is? Are we (as individuals, churches, culture) more focused on self-care, caring for others, or a balance of each?

Dig Deep

Scripture: Deuteronomy 25:5-10

- In the Mosaic economy why was it important that a widow marry the brother of her deceased husband?
- What would the benefit be for the widow and the family?

Scripture: Romans 12:1-21

- In what ways are we to think of ourselves as the "one body" of Christ? **Romans 12:1-8**
- What virtues are mentioned in this text that are to be practiced in the body of Christ? **Romans 12:9-13**
- What virtues are mentioned in this text that are to be practiced by the body of Christ with those outside the body of Christ? **Romans 12:14-21**

Do Big

Is it hard for you to ask for help/support? Why or why not?

How can you discern the needs of others in your circle (family, small group, community), even when (especially when) they're unspoken?

What are some ways we can be caretakers of our brothers and sisters in Christ? In your small group or circle of influence, do you see financial, spiritual, emotional, or physical burdens you can ease? How?

What's one thing you can do personally this week to care for a member of your group? What's something you can all do together to care for someone outside your group?

LEADERS

Study Text:

Deuteronomy 25:5-10

Romans 12:1-21

Equip Guide:

Our LIFE communities are the heartbeat of our church family. We seek to live in rhythm with the heartbeat of God by listening to His heart as He reveals it to us in His word and by seeking to understand His heart by obeying Him. So, on occasion we will share micro thoughts in this section on how as leaders and members of each LIFE community we can equip and encourage one another considering this goal. Remember to "love one another...as I have loved you...by this all...will know that you are my disciples." **Jesus**

Weekly Memory Verse:

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will." **Romans 12:2**

