



SDG Discussion Guide

Deuteronomy 27-34

April 22, 2018

The questions below are derived from chapter 30.

For starters:

What was a highlight of your week? What was a lowlight?

What advertisement is good at getting your attention and why?

Share a time in your life you wanted to start out “clean” again?

Interaction with the text: (The following questions are meant to provide points of further interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find these questions in print on that Sunday.)

As you can, read aloud the entire chapter 30 in your group. Before you begin the discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together, what points and questions of the text arose? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these. What else did you notice? Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. What is going to happen to Israel in the future?
2. How is the Lord's justice and mercy embodied in this chapter?
3. How might an Israelite who had yet to enter the land respond to the warnings here?
4. Compare and contrast the choice between life and death (vv 11-20). Discuss what is involved in each.
5. Provided you have time, read chapter 30 again. Discuss what issues of the heart are woven throughout?
6. How are these verses a summary of the whole book of Deuteronomy?
7. The curses and blessings for obedience were aimed at cultivating a community of people with spiritually responsive hearts. How would you characterize the spiritual responsiveness of your own heart? Encourage your group members in the ways they are spiritually responsive.
8. In what area of your life do you need the reassurance of verses 11-14, that you are able to follow God's commands?

Spend some time in prayer. Thank God for his love that won't let you live in disobedience. Pray that God will continue to give you a heart that is open to learning from his loving discipline. Continue to pray for the specific areas in your life where you desire God's redeeming work--continue to ask God to meet you in a felt way in that desire. As you pray and take these matters of the passage to heart, go forth this week aware, and ready, to experience his compassion.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (Intervarsity Christian Fellowship of the United States of America, 1996).