



Group Guide

Renewal of the Covenant

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Main Passage: Deuteronomy 30:1-20

Theological Theme

Each person must choose whom he or she will serve and obey. There is one true God, and we must worship Him only.

Introduction

- ❓ Are you good at answering if-then test questions? Why or why not?
- ❓ What are some if-then principles you know from the Bible?

1. Restoration (Deuteronomy 30:1-6)

As the Israelites prepared to enter the promised land, Moses essentially told them, “You’re going to mess up. You will stumble and disobey God. It’s not a matter of if, but when.” This wasn’t a vote of no confidence in their character; it was an accurate understanding of human nature. Moses knew there would still be hope even when God’s people messed up completely, because God is a God of compassion and redemption. He gives second chances. So Moses urged the people, when they did find themselves far from God due to their own straying, to make the right choices.

- ❓ How does reflecting on the outcome of past obedience or disobedience impact your decision making for the present and future?
- ❓ How could reflecting on God’s past faithfulness encourage those Moses spoke to toward faithfulness to God? How does reflecting on God’s past faithfulness encourage you?
- ❓ Application: What needs to be cut away from your heart or life so that it is undivided for the Lord? What steps will you take toward this?

2. Covenant (Deuteronomy 30:7-14)

Moses declared that God would deal with the enemies of His people. No matter our circumstances, we can trust that God is in charge. He also promised to bless His people when they chose to obey. We see this promise repeated throughout Scripture. Obedience invites blessing, and those who want to experience the generous blessings of God live in obedience to Him and His Word.

- ❓ How have you experienced blessings from obeying God?
- ❓ How does it impact you to remember that God rejoices over your delight in Him? How does this encourage you to delight in Him further?
- ❓ Application: How do you need to be more intentional about keeping God's Word in your heart and mouth? What does this look like in daily life?

3. Decision (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

Moses concluded his message from God to the people with a strong appeal to choose well. He had explained the options between life and good or death and evil. Which they would experience was up to them. Just as we all have the choice of what kind of lives we will live or what consequences we will experience, the Israelites had to decide too. God was going to glorify Himself through Israel one way or the other. How it would happen was their choice.

- ❓ How do you recognize God's grace in making His will clear? Where else did He do this in the Bible?
- ❓ Why does God care about which path you choose to take? How does this further reveal His love for His people?
- ❓ Application: Where do you need to turn away from false gods in your life? What will this look like practically?

Conclusion

- ❓ What do the choices you've been making lately reveal about who or what you serve? How will you seek to move toward obedience to God?
- ❓ How can we as a group support one another in pursuing life found in Jesus?
- ❓ How can you seek a gospel conversation with another person by sharing the truths of what we've learned today?