



Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide
or personal devotional guide



Blessing or Curse?

Introduction: The Lord delivered the Hebrew people from the bonds of Egypt through mighty miracles. He then makes a covenant with them and pledges His blessing if they will follow His commands. There will be blessing for obedience and a curse for disobedience.

Text: Read Deut. 30:11-20

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Tell of a time when you were given two options to pick from where one resulted in a good consequence and one that resulted in a bad consequence.
2. What was the promise made to the Israelites if they obeyed God's command?
3. We no longer live under the Mosaic covenant. We live under the new covenant of Jesus. What are the promises made to the believer under the new covenant? How are they the same? How are they different?
4. According to Deut.30:20 we can walk in blessing by: Loving God, Listening to God, and Clinging to him. This is still true today.
5. What does Jesus say is the greatest commandment? What does it look like to follow that command?
6. Read Matthew 17:1-5 Who were the three that Peter wanted to make a tabernacle for? What is the significance of Moses and Elijah being present? Who's voice is the one speaking? Who did the voice say to listen to now? Why is that important to understand?
7. What does it mean to "listen to the voice of God?" Is it simply being able to understand what God wants us to do, or is it doing what God tells us to do?
8. Read John 14:15. What does Jesus expect from those who claim to be his followers?
9. Read Luke 6:46-49. The question in verse 46 is a powerful question. If Jesus were to ask you that question, how would you answer?
10. Jesus gives a picture of someone who loves, listens, and clings to Him in Luke 6:46-49. How does that life look like?
11. The foolish person loves self, listens to false voices, and clings to something or someone other than God. What are the dangers of loving yourself or someone else more than God? What are the dangers of listening to the voice of the world and flesh? What are the dangers of clinging to anyone or anything other than the Lord?

Think About it:

We live and die by the choices we make. The Lord has set out life and death, good and evil. We can choose to live a life of faith or in the flesh. If we will trust God and follow His path, it leads to life. When we choose evil . . . we get death. You can tank your marriage if you so chose; you can destroy your health if you so chose; you can lie, steal, cheat, and live a sexually immoral lifestyle if you so chose. The choice is yours, but the consequence is set—death. Choose life so that you may live!

Moving Forward:

This week ask yourself these three questions and make an honest evaluation and fix anything that needs corrected.

1. Do I love God more than anyone or anything?
2. Do I listen to the voice of God instead of others?
3. Do I cling to God. Is God my security and strength? In moments of depression, anxiety, fear, and pain—do I run and cling to God or do I run to someone or something else to find my escape?