# Applying the Covenant 1. Deuteronomy 11:26-32 The story so far…

# Deuteronomy

## A bad name for a good book

### Genesis ‘In the beginning…’

### Exodus ‘These are the names…’

### Leviticus ‘And He called…’

### Numbers ‘In the desert…’

### Deuteronomy ‘These are the words…’

#### God led them to this point

## Moses’ words to God’s people after 40 years in the desert

### 3 talks by Moses at the end of his term of leadership (1:1-4:43; 4:44-28:68; 29:1-33)

### A covenant document (an agreement) between two parties which sets out:

#### A history of how they got to where they are

#### The rules of the relationship

##### Generally then specific details

#### The benefits of sticking to the rules and

#### The sanctions for breaking the rules

### It’s the most quoted book of the OT in the NT with over 80 references in 17 of the 27 books of the NT

### It concludes with Moses’ death (34) – a seal to the book

# Do you want to go on or don’t you?

## It’s time to get serious

### This is the choice that confronts every Christian at some point

## What kills your spirituality is your priorities

# God loves to bless

## Blessings without obedience leads to

### Superstitions, Bad theology, Pride, Skewed view of God and a Skewed views of other people

## Moses’ guidelines for staying close to God

### This section (Ch 12-26) holds the practical details of your walk

#### How you honour God

#### How you celebrate together

#### How you do responsible leadership

#### How you handle accidents

#### How you conduct yourself in battle

#### How you deal with families in need

#### How you love your neighbour

#### How you show love

#### How you give every person their basic rights

## Do it His way and you’ll be the person who is blessed

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# These are the words…

## Deuteronomy contains the last 3 recorded sermons of Moses before He retires/dies

### How does reading Deuteronomy with this in mind help us to understand the message of the text?

# A blessing and a curse

## Why do you think the Bible uses such black and white language in describing choices?

### How does it help?

#### Does it imply there are no grey areas?

### How does it hinder our walk with God?

## The blessings are described in detail in Ch.28

### Describe the tone of each these for life in general

## An altar is built on Mt Ebal (curses) in Ch 27 what do you think this says to Christians/believers?

# How spiritual are you?

## Who do you rank/admire as ‘spiritual’ people?

### To what extent do you agree with Tozer that ‘every Christian is only as spiritual as they want to be’ (not as they wish to be)?

#### How do you measure your spirituality?

#### How do you measure other people’s spirituality?

#### How do you think God measures our spirituality?

# Guidelines on staying close to God

## What guidelines would you give to a teenager who wants to stay close to God?

### What ‘don’ts’ would you give them?

### What positive ‘commands’ would you give?

#### Would your list encourage them to get the most out of life?

## Moses’ guidelines have an order to them

### Is there anything to this order or is it random?

### What would happen if a believer used them to prioritise his/her lifestyle?