# Succession Planning and Sharing the Covenant

## 4. Bless the team Deuteronomy 33

# Celebrating in context

## In the last chapter Moses was warning everyone to not go off the rails, to stay faithful, obedient, listening and serving

## In this chapter Moses blesses God’s people

### Before he does that he gives a few verses over to God to remind them what He is like

#### It’s the context of his blessing

#### It’s the reason for his blessing

# We know the God of blessing (1-5)

## We have Yahweh, the God who loves us

### A central theme of Deuteronomy

## The God who teaches us

### To be obedient

### To be righteous

### To be holy

### To serve

## His rightful place is ‘King of the upright (Jeshurun)’

### God comes to Jeshurun

### God protects Jeshurun

### God instructs Jeshurun

### God leads Jeshurun

# God blesses individually (6-25)

## Each tribe named

### No Simeon in the list

## Each blessing different

### The blessing of Levi

#### Most relevant to us who are called to be a royal priesthood and holy nation through Christ

##### May your Urim & Thummim work well

##### They are sold out for God

# God is for us (26-29)

## He comes to us

## He is our refuge

## He opens doors

## He provides safety and security

## He saves us

## He shields us

## He helps us

## He raises us up

### We can all be Jeshurun because of the cross

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Bless the team

## In this chapter we start with the God of Israel then Moses blesses the team

### Begin with your appreciation of what God has given you

#### Things, relationships, abilities, forgiveness, a church, a community

## Take time to remember and give thanks for those who serve you and in what capacity they do it

### Contact them and verbalise your appreciation

## Look at the blessings of the team (tribes) in this chapter

### Compare them

### How you would feel if you were a Levite?

### How would you feel if you were a Danite?

### How would you feel if you were a Simeonite?

# Bless the Lord

## Look at what God does for all His people in 26-29

### How many things does He do for His people?

### What does He call for in return?

#### Is this a good deal?

### What does an upright you look like?