

## Deuteronomy 25 Small Group Study Questions

This chapter continues the admonitions from God delivered by Moses to the Israelites, camped on the plains of Moab and waiting to begin the conquest of the Promised Land. Some have been weighty and full of theological doctrine and some are seemingly mundane by comparison, but God has a purpose behind each of them - that Israel will not only conquer the Promised Land but will become a growing, healthy, orderly nation devoted to the worship of the one true God. This is vital for God's plan of action which will culminate 1400 years later with the coming of Christ.

In your small groups you might discuss:

1. What did you think and/or how did you feel about the reading and teaching of Deuteronomy 25?
2. Have you ever been really, really ready to jump into something and your boss or team leader keeps wanting to give you more information, more preparation? How did that make you feel? Can you think of a time where something seemingly unimportant, became very important in the heat of the action?
3. Many of us experienced corporal punishment in school and there are very differing views about it. What role did it play in the Hebrew judicial system? Can you think of other ways they could have encouraged honest testimony?
4. Any of the other issues in Deuteronomy 25 that struck you? What learnings do you draw from them?
5. Jesus says in Matthew 5:17 that he has not come to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill it. Do you think he meant this literally? If not, how did he mean it? What implications are there for us today's reading God's word in the Old Testament?