

Connect Group Discussion Guide – 3/12/2023

Deuteronomy 29, 30 The Promised Land Covenant

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Opening discussion: When Moses reviews the covenant God made with the Israel Nation at Mt. Sinai, he tells the, “carefully follow the terms of this covenant, so that you may prosper in everything you do.” ~Deuteronomy 29:9. What does prosperity look like to you? What does it look like to God?

Highlights

- The Israel nation wandered until an entire generation dies off. Now it's time to enter the Promised Land. **Has God ever made you wait “a long time” for something?**
- **Dt. 29:1-6** God still provided for the Israelites despite their grumbling...so they remember who He is. **When have you seen God providing or caring for someone or for you when you probably didn't deserve it.**
- **Dt. 29:12-15** The covenant is for everyone.
- **Dt. 29:20-21** Read Joshua 7, the story of Achan and curses Moses talks about
- **Dt. 29:22-29** The Mosaic covenant was a conditional covenant, if you...I will. The Land portion of the covenant was UNCONDITIONAL. The land is their's. God can bring curse's on the land, he can for a season remove them from it, but it's still belongs to the nation of Israel.
 - When God says he WILL do something, He does it...even the bad stuff like described here.
 - They may (and will) lose the privilege of being in the land, but it is still theirs.
 - As they start to live like the people who are already in the land and worship idols, God says, this land is still yours, but you can't be there right now. (Assyrian and Babylonian exiles). **Tell about a time God has “exiled” you. When has He removed you from something or somewhere or someone for a time. What had He promised you that He returned you too later?**
- **Dt. 30:1-10** Moses is telling the people that their descendants will return to this Promised Land and they will return to the Lord (after the exile).
 - God hasn't changed His mind or His promise
- **Dt. 30:6** When God circumcises our heart, he marks our heart to look like God on the inside. Not only a mark on the body (actual circumcision), but on the inside to change them.
 - **How has God changed you? Who can you tell about the way Jesus has changed you that they may see a glimpse of who Jesus is?**
- **Dt. 30:9** God delights in you when you turn back to Him and let Him change you. **What does God delight in you?**
- **Dt. 15-20** You have a choice to make. You can choose to turn to the Lord and follow Him (as an Everyday Disciple) and you will have life. Or you can choose to turn away from Him and you will be destroyed. **What do you choose?**

What do we learn about God and where do we see Jesus?

1. God will.

- 2. There is never a place that is too far away from God that He cannot bring you back from.** With the New Covenant that is through faith in Jesus and becoming an Everyday Disciple.
- 3. God is offering you today the choice of life or death. He wants you to choose life.**

Choose the presence of God and not exile.

Prayer