

## LIFE IN THE LAND

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- I. God *\_gives\_* so that we might have “*\_life\_*” in the *\_land\_*.
- A. He *\_gives\_* His *\_Word\_*.  
Gen 13:14-17; 15:13-16  
Prov 13:14; 14:27;  
Deut 5:29; John 1:1, 14;  
Deut 4:5-8;  
Ps 119:14, 24, 32, 72;  
John 3:16; 10:10; I John 4:10
- B. To live that “*\_life\_*”, we obey His *\_Word\_*.  
Matt 28:18-20; I Pet 1:1-2;  
John 14:21, 23; I John 5:3;  
Rom 1:5; 16:25-26
- II. “*\_Life\_*” includes *\_children\_* that *\_fear\_* the Lord.  
Prov 10:1; 15:20; 17:21, 25;  
III John 4
- A. First, we *\_love\_* the *\_Lord\_* with all our *\_heart\_*.  
Matt 22:37-40; 6:24
- B. Then, we “*\_live\_* out our *\_love\_*” with them.
- III. God *\_warns\_* of two big *\_dangers\_* in the *\_land\_*:
- A. *\_Prosperity\_* without the *\_fear\_* of the *\_Lord\_*.  
Prov 30:7-9; I Tim 6:9-10, 17;  
Matt 6:11; 19:23-24; 13:22;  
Ps 62:11-12
- B. Cultural *\_corruption\_* without *\_separation\_*.  
Matt 11:19; Heb 7:26;  
II Cor 6:17-7:1

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

*The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).*

- Review: To whom is the book of Deuteronomy addressed? Who is doing the teaching? What is the setting?
- What are some of the cultural characteristics of the people in the land which the Israelites were about to enter? Which are similar to our culture?
- Pastor Dave stated that in order to love the Lord we must obey Him (John 14:15). Consider the following Scriptures and evaluate your obedience to His commands:
  - ♦ 1 Peter 5:5
  - ♦ 1 Thess 5:17; Col 4:2
  - ♦ 1 Tim 5:8; 2 Thess 3:20
  - ♦ 1 John 4:7-8
  - ♦ Col 3:8-10, 13, 18-21
  - ♦ James 1:19-20
  - ♦ 1 Tim 6:18

4. Read Deut 6:4-9. **What are some practical ways you can “impress” God’s Word on your children within your regular routines?**
  
5. **The “two dangers” in the new land were prosperity and cultural corruption.** How has either of these two dangers damaged your life? What are the potential consequences in the lives of those we influence when we ignore those dangers?

Break into gender groups to discuss the following questions:

6. Last week, you were asked to confess and repent of any of the eight signs **from Balaam’s story you have found in your life. Share your progress.**
  
7. Discover what you really love by doing the following: If you have children, **ask them what they think you get excited about. If you don’t have children,** ask someone close to you who will give you an honest answer. Share with the group what you discovered.