# Adapting to get from here to there

## Deuteronomy 5:44-6:25 Truth to tell

### Part of the second sermon/talk that Moses gives when on the edge of the Promised Land after 40 years in the wilderness

### Also part of the detailed stipulations (4:44- 26:19) in a Covenant document between a high king (Suzerain) and a conquered people (Vassal)

### 4:44-11:32 sets out the main thing God wants from His people – their allegiance

### Ch 12-26 says the other things He requires

## It is written so that people know what they’re getting into when they say ‘I want to touch God and be touched by God’

### The benefits include a life worth something, the chance to develop your potential and living a long and fruitful life (5:33)

# God wants your allegiance

### Allegiance isn’t just a word, it’s a way of life

## He wants your honour/respect (5:22-6:3)

### Not just in the big decisions and momentous occasions in your life but in day-to-day conversations and activities

## He wants your love (6:4-5)

### When Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment He quotes from here

## He wants your commendation (6:6-9)

### Public demonstration of faith

## He wants you to remember Him in all circumstances (6:10-12)

## He wants your service (6:13-25)

# God wants your allegiance

## Will you give it?

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Read Deut 5:22-33

## What are God’s actions in this passage?

## What are God’s words in it?

### What ‘feel’ do these give you for God’s nature?

### How do you think God ‘feels’ towards His people?

# Read Deut 6:1-3

## What are the benefits of obedience according to this passage?

### How does that work out in practical terms?

#### Does this mean that the opposites will never happen to the obedient?

##### Explain your answer

# Read Deut 6:4-9

## Why do you think obedience (above) is put before love?

## Why do you think Jesus quoted this rather than the previous section Mt 22:37; Lk 10:27; Mk 12:30

### Why do you think Jesus changed it a bit?

## This ‘Shema’ is said every day by devout Jews and they wear tefillin (phylacteries) and put Mezuzah at the entrance of their houses

### What can we do to demonstrate our devotion to Christ?

### How can we follow this command today?

# Read Deut 6:10-12

## Why do you think Moses tells the people not to forget God in the good times?

### How does he remind them to keep close to God?

### How can we do something similar with Christ? What must we remember?

# Read Deut 6:13-25

## If salvation is free why should we serve?

### What are the benefits of serving?

### Why does God rescue people according to this passage?

# Summary

## In what ways does this passage point to Christ, and Christian attitudes and values in the NT?