# Applying the Covenant

## 2. Deuteronomy 12:1-14:29 Honouring God…

# It’s a response, not a demand

## The gift of the Promised Land preceded the demands of the Law

### Obedience is the response God wants to His generosity

## In this covenant Obedience to God is expressed in:

### Corporate Worship (12:1-13:18)

### Daily Conduct (14:1-21)

### Generous Giving (14:22-29)

#### This is the detail of how God wants to you to respond to His rescue, His call and His blessing

# Honour God together

## Come together

### To celebrate AND to remember that blood (life) is special to God

## Before God

### It’s a party with His presence

## In His way

### Not like now, Not like others

# Honour God in your home

## No self-abuse (14:1)

### A practice that was around various religions of the day

## What you eat

### I can show the world that God has blessed me by what I eat

# Honour God in your pocket

## Their offerings

### No specific mention of sin or guilt offerings here

## Their tithes

### To celebrate before God with and to share with others

#### the Levites

#### The widows and orphans

##### You and yours are to share in this

### It’s not ‘for them’ or ‘for God’, it’s ‘for us together’

# Honour God in the way you live

## Not just in the way you do your religion

### It’s a lifestyle in response to God’s rescue and presence, not an event at a temple

## How much more should we be rejoicing and celebrating now that we have Christ

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# This IS the detail

## To what extent do you agree that Chapters 12-14 reflect attitudes rather than rules?

### To God

### To other religions (12:4)

### To the past (12:8)

### To being practical (12:21)

### To blood in meat (how many times is it mentioned?)

### To syncretism (12:31) (absorbing and adapting the practices of other religions)

### To where to draw the line (Ch.13)

### To self-care (14:1)

### To food (14:3,21) (Why?)

### To giving (14:22)

## How does this approach affect a person’s walk with God?

# Honour God TOGETHER

## What events bring people together?

### Name some and say why

## To what extent is Christianity a personal religion/faith?

### Can you be a Christian ‘loner’? (Heb 10:25)

#### Explain your answer

## Why do you think people don’t want to come together?

## Why do you think there is a great emphasis on community in the Bible?

## Is doing it His way the same as doing it in the same old way?

### Explain your thinking

# Honour God in your living and tithing

## All of the kosher laws separating meat and dairy at mealtimes are built on 14:22b

### What do you think this rule is really about?

### How would you apply it now?

## To what extent does it surprise you to read that your tithes are to be shared and that you are to take a share? (14:22ff)

### How does this change your attitude to tithing?