# Sealing the Deal 1. Deuteronomy 1-26 The story so far…

# Making a deal

## Terms and conditions apply

## What does it take to make a deal with God?

# Deuteronomy

### Moses’ words to God’s people after 40 years in the desert

### 3 talks by Moses at the end of his term of leadership (1:1-4:43; 4:44-28:68; 29:1-33)

### A covenant document (a legal agreement) between a boss and his workers or a king and a vassal state

## Sets out the context

### God had led them to this point

## Gives the general principles

### God would lead them and help them become a kingdom of priests

## Gives the detailed stipulations

### How you honour God, celebrate together, do responsible leadership, handle accidents, conduct yourself in battle, deal with families in need, love your neighbour, show love and give every person their basic rights

## Asks for a signature

## Give the rewards and penalties of the contract

## Deals with succession planning

# Jesus and the deal

## Jesus came to fulfil the Law and make the deal available to ALL

### His call was to believe and be baptised

# Deal or no deal?

## Sealing the deal is NOT a single act

### You do it by

#### Keeping your part

#### Participating in the rituals

#### Knowing God wants it to work

#### Understanding consequences

#### Renewing, rehearsing and renewing again

#### Continuing to hope

#### Knowing your decisions matter

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Making a deal

## Why is it easy to make deals with some people and not others?

### In business? In the family? In a marriage partnership?

### What happens when trust is broken?

## What kind of people do you prefer to make deals with and why?

# Read Deuteronomy 26:16-19

## In calling for ‘heart and soul’ Moses is asking for more than a signature on the contract

### What more do you think he is asking for?

### What difference does it make?

### Why does it matter?

## In laying out the deal what do the Israelites promise?

### Why do you think this is put first?

### What is the difference between keeping the rules and obeying the contract maker? (v17)

## What benefits do the Israelites get? (18,19)

### Is this ‘health, wealth and happiness’?

### How would you describe a ‘holy people’?

### What do you think God means by a ‘holy people’?

## What difference does it make to predicate this deal on the rescue of the people from slavery by God?

### How does it change attitudes?

# Jesus and the deal

## Jesus came to open the deal to gentiles (non-Jews)

### What forms of ‘slavery’ did He seek to rescue them from? (try Romans 7:14-25 as a starting point)

## What benefits was He offering? (try John 3:16; 10:10; 14:6 and Rom 5:1-11)

## What was He asking for from those He rescues?

## How reasonable is the deal?