# Applying the Covenant 9. Deuteronomy 23:15-25

# God wants to bless you

## He wants to bless you in everything you attempt

### To make you happy or joyful (ashere)

### To kneel before you and give you honour and respect (barak)

#### To give you gifts to honour you

## For that to happen there needs to be your cooperation

### Your compliance to His will and His ways

### Your acceptance of who you are in Him

# God’s call is on all of your life

## God’s kingdom has God at the centre and Christ on the throne

## Each person has their own mix of kingdom and world values

## The grace of God transforms us into kingdom people

### We bring ourselves and our bubble into God’s Kingdom

# God’s purpose for sex

## The biblical purpose of sex is multifaceted:

### Procreation

### Intimacy

### Companionship

### Physical Pleasure

## To glorify God, create children, express intimacy, provide comfort, and bless the spouse.

## Sexual intimacy is designed to reflect the beautiful mystery and intimate union between God and His people

### Don’t try to change it by bringing the fruit of you using it wrongly to God’s table

# God looks at you and says ‘Wow!’

# Homegroup/private study questions

# God wants to bless you

## How does your understanding of ‘blessing’ change your attitude?

### Bless: to make you happy

### Bless: to bring you gifts in admiration

### Bless: to kneel before you in respect

## How does it change your attitude to the person blessing you?

# Graciousness

## This passage is about reflecting God’s grace

### In what ways are God’s people to ‘reflect His grace’ in this passage?

### What reasons, in their background or stated, are there for reflecting God’s grace in these ways?

## Does this passage imply that God’s grace is proportionate to our compliance to His will?

### If so, how can it be ‘undeserved’ favour?

### If not, what are the benefits of compliance?

# The limits to graciousness

## If graciousness is giving undeserved favour to others, do you think should there be limits on it?

### Explain your answer with examples

#### What limits would you put on giving grace?

#### What limits do you put on taking grace from others?

#### Which is harder for you – giving grace to others or taking it from them?

##### Why is that?

#### In this passage where are the limits?

## Is God’s grace in Christ to us unlimited?

### If it is to what extent can we ‘sin that grace may abound’ (Rom 6:1)?

### If it is NOT what are the limits?