# Applying the Covenant 12. Deuteronomy 26:1-19 What happens when we worship?

# Deuteronomy 26

## The final part of the section of applying the covenant

## Gives some of the most practical guidelines to the response God is looking for from His people

### It is worship without guilt

# Worship that is pleasing to God

## Remembers the journey with humility

### Acknowledges His generosity (1-4)

### Recalls His faithfulness (5-9)

### Honours His uniqueness (10)

### Obeys His commands (11-19)

### Affirms His truth (16-19)

## Brings gifts of thanksgiving

### First-fruits were just that

### Tithes were giving 1/10 of everything to God

## Is open to God’s leading today

# God calls for personal worship

## I declare what God has done

## I declare where I fit in

## I bring gifts of appreciation

### I have not earned this, God has been gracious to me

## I share with the poor and the priest

### To the poor: I was once where you are and I want you to rise in God’s grace

### To the priest: I acknowledge that God speaks through you and I respect your calling

# God wants to honour you

## You are secure

### You are HIS people

## You are loved

### He wants to set you in praise

### He wants to show you to the world

## You are privileged

### He wants to honour you above other people groups

## You are dedicated

### He wants to set you apart as a holy people

## How much more are we secure, loved, privileged and set apart in Christ?

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Your history

## How would you categorise your experiences as good or bad?

### Give examples

## To what extent do we have ‘good history’ and ‘bad history’?

## How important do you think it is to rehearse your history?

### Give reasons for your answer

# When to worship

## According to this passage when should people worship?

### Is it wrong to invite others to worship with us if they have not had the same experiences?

#### Explain your answer

# How to worship

## This passage comes with a liturgy (set and form of words)

### In what ways is liturgy good for us?

### In what ways does it restrict us?

### Was the Lord’s prayer given to us as liturgy or as a pattern?

#### Explain your reasoning

### How can we get the best from both liturgy and extemporary worship?

## If you were to change this passage to include your own history what would it include?

### Tell the story in the same format as Deut 26:3-10

## Personal worship

### To what extent do you agree that obedience is part of worship?

### To what extent do you agree that giving is part of worship?

### To what extent do you agree that church services are part of your worship?

### How do you demonstrate that you are a Christian?

#### To God, to yourself, to your family, to the world?

### How do you obey ‘with your entire soul’ (26:16)?