

SOUTHWEST: LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY

6-10-07 - “Kingdom Do’s and Don’ts”

Ice Breakers:

- What “do’s and don’ts” do you have or did you have in your family? What were the reasons behind them?

Dig: Read Deut 30:9-20

Vs. 9-10 – What are the three things required of the people (vs. 10) if they are to experience the prosperity and delight of God? What is the difference between the three conditions?

Vs. 11-14 – Why do you think Moses felt it necessary to make these statements? What lie was he guarding them against?

Vs. 15 – Moses didn’t use the words “do’s and don’ts” to describe what he had laid out before them, even though he had given them a bunch! Why do you think that is? What does Moses want his people to understand is REALLY being laid out before them in the list of rules?

- Vs. 16-18 continues to describe what Moses intends the people to understand concerning their “behaving in God’s ways”. Why is this so important to understand?

Vs. 19-20 – Moses uses the word “life” three times in these verses. What meaning do you think Moses is trying to get across in the word “life”?

Discuss:

- Scripture has lists of “do’s and don’ts” in order to help humans clear the path for oneness with God, which is the point. But some people are very turned off by such lists. Why is this?
- Discuss whether you agree with this quote made by the Pope: “*Christianity isn’t just do’s and don’ts...Christianity is not a burdensome set of rules, but rather a personal experience of God’s love.*”
 - If yes, then how do the lists of do’s and don’t help us experience God’s love?
 - If no, then what is the purpose of God listing behaviors that are allowed and not allowed?
- ENCOURAGE THE GROUP TO READ THE BOOK OF GALATIANS THIS WEEK. Next weeks sermon will look at the list of do’s and don’ts from Galatians 5:19-23.

Life Group Prayer:

Pray a prayer in the spirit of Jesus’s prayer in Matthew 5... “*May it be on earth as it is in heaven.*” Pray against the worldly Kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ, and that we learn to live under “Kingdom Rules”.