

LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm
“Learning From Mistakes – But They are So Cool!”

Icebreaker: If you could go hang out with anybody in the world for a day, who would it be?

We are often attracted to powerful or beautiful or funny or intelligent people. To pursue that relationship can be a great blessing or might end up being a great curse. What does God have to say about our relationships in life?

An Encounter with the Word of God

1. Read Deuteronomy 4:1-2. Why are the people of God told to hear (learn) and follow His teachings?
2. What instructions of God have we as His people added or subtracted?
3. Read Deuteronomy 4:3-8. What does God say it will take if they want to show their wisdom and understanding to the nations?
4. How do we show our wisdom and understanding as the people of God today?
5. Read Deuteronomy 4:9-14. It is interesting to note that God says to be careful and watch yourselves closely so we don't forget what He has already done for us and grow calloused in the love we held for Him in our hearts. The words for careful and watch are the same. They are the Hebrew word SAMAR, the same as used in verse 6 when God said to follow His word CLOSELY. Why do you think God would use this word twice in the same sentence that meant to guard, preserve or pay close attention to?
6. What were they suppose to teach to their children and even to their grandchildren?
7. What kinds of things do you believe God wants you to share with your children and grandchildren? If you don't have children, what would you share with kids at church or with relatives?
8. They could never fully possess the land God was giving them unless they were serious about following God's teachings. How does that apply to us as Christians?
9. What is the most helpful idea you've learned from this study?