**God Speaks: To Forgive and Restore Repentant Sinners**

(Deuteronomy 30:1-10)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. **Review:** Who is speaking in Deuteronomy? Who is he talking to? Why? According to Deuteronomy 7:7-8, what was God’s disposition toward Israel? How should this inform our understanding of God’s character as he reveals himself in the Old Testament? What are some of the things that Israel is commanded to remember and/or do in chapters 1-29? In what way(s) does Deuteronomy unpack and apply the Ten Commandments? What is the tension in Deuteronomy between God’s commands and Israel’s response to his commands (see Deut. 30:6)?
2. **Study:** In Deuteronomy 30:1, what does Moses tell the generation of Israelites at Moab will happen in the future? How can he be so sure this will occur? What good thing(s) will God bring about through this? What does it mean that Israel will “call them to mind”? Review 2 Kings 22-23 and Nehemiah 8 and explain how God used the preaching of his Word to spark repentance and revival. How do these instances parallel with Deuteronomy 30:1-10? Who is ultimately responsible for their repentance?
3. **Study:** What does God promise to do for Israel once they repent? In your own words, explain why verse 6 is so crucial to this passage (as well as the entire book of Deuteronomy). In what way(s) does it point forward to Christ (see also Jeremiah 31, Ezekiel 36)? How does verse 6 answer the “narrative tension” of Deuteronomy (i.e. God commands obedience from sinners who constantly rebel and fail)? What covenant “fortunes” are promised to New Testament Christians (see Romans 8:18-29)?
4. **Apply:** How has hardship, the consequences of sin, or suffering been used of God in your life to produce fresh repentance and zeal for his glory? How has God worked through his Word (preached, read, taught, sung) to cause you to return to him? How did the Lord restore your joy? When did you realize that, apart from God’s intervention, you cannot “be good”? When/how did you come to the realization that in order to rightly love and obey God you needed a new (circumcised) heart? How can this passage (Deut. 30:1-10) help you in explaining the gospel to your friends, family, and coworkers?