**God Speaks: To Draw Near to His People Through an**

**All-Sufficient Savior**

(Deuteronomy 30:11-14)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. **REVIEW:** What did the Ten Commandments demand of God’s people? See if you can sum up the Ten Commandments one sentence. Did the nation of Israel obey the Ten Commandments? What specific examples would you cite to show that they failed to obey? Why did they fail? How would you explain the relationship between the reality of Israel’s failure with what Moses says in Deuteronomy 30:11-14?
2. **STUDY:** In your own words, explain why Moses’ statement in Deuteronomy 30:11 is surprising. Why could the Israelites not claim that they didn’t know what God required of them? Where else in Deuteronomy (and the rest of the Old Testament) did God draw near and speak/communicate to his people? In your own words, explain why loving obedience to God would be the reasonable thing for Israel to do. Why didn’t they lovingly obey him?
3. **STUDY:** Compare what Moses says in Deuteronomy 30:12-13 with other world religions – in what way(s) is the God of the Bible different? Read Romans 10:5-13 and explain: What point is Paul making? How is he using Deuteronomy 30:11-14? How does Paul connect Moses’ words with the Person and work of Jesus Christ? What does he call for us to do?
4. **APPLY:** Can you honestly say that you don’t know what God requires of you? If not, why don’t you obey his reasonable command of loving obedience? Think of all the times you have ever said to someone, “You ought to…” – do you live up to your own standard? Why isn’t knowing the right thing enough? What else is needed? In what way(s) should Paul’s words in Romans 10:5-9 be good news to us? Why is the gospel “not too hard for you”?