

Fine Print or Wedding Vows

Leader companion | Week Three | Deuteronomy 4:1-14

15 min Share life	10 min Read	35 min Study	10 min Back to Jesus	15 min Pray	85 min Total
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THE SERMON IN ONE BREATH

God's commands are vows, not fine print. Moses calls Israel to keep the vows (4:1-4), wear the ring where the watching nations can see (4:5-8), and tell the story to the next generation (4:9-14). The sermon's illustrations: a contract's fine print against a couple's wedding vows, a wedding ring worn in public, and a family recipe that dies if it is never handed on.

WHERE THE OBSERVATION QUESTIONS ARE HEADING

- **Question 6, verses 1-4.** Listen and follow, so that you may live. Do not add to God's word and do not take away from it. Both editing moves are named.
- **Question 9, verses 5-8.** A God near enough to answer whenever they call, and a law so righteous the nations would call Israel wise. Presence and character, both visible from outside.
- **Question 12, verses 9-14.** Guard your own memory first, then teach your children and grandchildren. The order matters because you cannot hand down what you have let slip.

IF SOMEONE ASKS ABOUT BAAL-PEOR

Someone in your group may ask what happened at Baal-peor. Numbers 25 tells the story: Israel joined the worship of Moab's gods, and a plague followed. Keep it brief and keep it at the level of the sermon. The point in verse 4 is that the ones who held on to the LORD lived, and the word for held on is the same word Genesis uses for a husband bonding to his wife. If the conversation runs long, offer to talk more after the meeting and move on.

ONE FACILITATION TIP

Question 12 asks whose faith is inherited and whose is firsthand. Nobody should feel behind for either answer. Say so before anyone speaks, and if the room is mixed, let an inherited faith and a firsthand faith answer back to back so both are honored.

IF YOU ONLY HAVE 45 MINUTES, AND AFTER THE MEETING

Keep Share life question 3, one reading of the passage, questions 8, 11, 14, 15, the application panel, and prayer. Those are the dotted questions in the member guide. Afterward, scan the QR code on the back page of the member guide and answer two quick questions.