

FLYING BLIND

A “ONE-AND-ONLY” KIND OF THING

Discussion Why do people—even Christians—often think of laws and obedience as a burden? How does this contribute to “flying blind”?

Encounter - Read God’s Word so that He can speak to you - **Deuteronomy 4:1-8, 32-40**

Explore - God’s Word by asking questions of what you saw.

1) **(Verses 6-8).** How is obeying God a privilege rather than a burden?

- How does obeying God make your life different from others? Are any of these differences something that others might envy? If so, what?
- What does your obedience to God tell others about God? How is your relationship to Him different than others?
- How are you uniquely privileged over those who don’t have a relationship with God?

2) **(Verse 12).** Why is it easier to trust in the things/people you see than in something/someone you can't see (maybe have *never* seen)?

- How does this explain our doubt in God and our faith in other things?

- What “other things” do you put your trust in?

3) How does a right understanding of obedience change it from a burden into a witness of the power and beauty of the gospel? Is our obedience to God just for us or for the benefit of others too?

4) **(Verses 32-40).** If you are a believer in Jesus, think back—how was your salvation such an unbelievable, phenomenal work of God?

Think of who you are, who He is, what it would take for Him to save you, what people and circumstances He had to move to make it happen, how this was so unique from all the other ways people hope for some kind of salvation.

- How does God's work for your salvation and for your life put Him “in a class all His own”?

5) How did God's work of salvation for you begin in heaven, even before you were born? (See Ephesians 1:4-6)

- What does this tell you about what He will continue to do for you in the future?
- Why will He continue to work for you?
- How does this give you confidence to trust and obey Him no matter what will come?
- Do you, or are you flying blind? Why?

EMBRACE – Make God's thoughts part of your thoughts

Memorize Matthew 5:1-3