

## Small Group/Sermon Notes based on IF Part 9

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **IF: Conditional Promises of God.**
- This week: What are you missing because you are resisting?
  - A few months back we talked about the "Woes." At the end Jesus says **Matthew 23:37**.
    - Jesus wanted to do something in their lives but he couldn't because they were not willing.
      - What did they miss out on?
      - What are you missing out on?
      - What are we missing out on?
- Let's go to the Old testament for one of the greatest "Ifs" in the Bible.
  - Moses was speaking to the nation of Israel about how they would respond to the Law. Too much to cover...but look at **Deuteronomy 29:29**.
  - Was the Mosaic Law hard to follow? **Deuteronomy 30:11-14**
    - Discuss the following sentence: What is hard is knowing/expecting the promises but not getting them and not knowing why.
      - How does that end up happening to people?
  - Then, Moses presents their options to them: **Deuteronomy 30:15-18**.
    - How complicated is that? Do you know what would be best for them?
    - How complicated is the same choice today? What is best for you? What is best for us? What is best for the world?
  - Who was watching Israel make the decision? **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**.
    - Who is watching you now?
      - If there is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents...then they are watching!
    - Who was rooting for Israel? Moses! The Lord for sure!
      - Who is rooting for you? I am. Jesus is for sure! Those angels want to have a party!!
- What are you missing because you are resisting?
  - Don't believe the lie that curses, destruction, and death are better than blessings, prosperity, and life!
  - It isn't just about Heaven. These promises are for our lives now!!
- What if you made the choice to fully embrace God? To let him gather you in? You chose life?
  - Closing Scripture: **Revelation 3:14-22**.
    - Emphasis **Revelation 3:20**.
    - Jesus is knocking. Quit resisting. Open the door and embrace the Lord.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!