

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 5/27/12

Deuteronomy 15

Focus: *challenging us to be a people who care for and protect the poor even at personal cost, as God has done for us.*

- *Read verses 1-11. What can you learn about God's character from these verses?*

- *Read the 4th commandment in Deut. 5.12-14. How do 15.1-11 relate to the sabbath command?*

- *What is the temptation that Moses addresses in verses 7-11? How does this temptation affect you? How does trusting in God's blessing (v. 10) help against this?*

- *What do these verses teach us about how the people of God should care for the poor?*

- *Read verses 12-18.*

- *What motivations for this release of servants are found in this passage? (pay special attention to v. 15 and how it points to Christ, our redeemer from slavery)*

- *How do verses 16 and 17 mirror our relationship with God?*

- *Discuss what keeps us from being a people who truly care for and protect the poor? and what in this passage can help us overcome those?*

- *Is there something that you must do to obey the teaching of this passage?*