

## **THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Read Joshua 8:30-35**

1. What is significant about the location (Shechem) of the covenant renewal ceremony (Abraham at Shechem, Jacob at Shechem, etc)?
2. What is significant about the altar and the sacrifices (burnt offering, peace offering)? Why did Joshua build the altar on Mount Ebal (mountain of the curse)? What do the sacrifices teach us about how we approach God (Romans 4:3-4)?
3. What is significant about the Ark of God (place of God's presence Exodus 25:22)? How do you respond when you think of God's presence among us (Psalm 113:4-6)?
4. How do we live and think in an unconditional as well as a conditional framework? (i.e. - God's work of salvation is unconditional for those who have faith in Jesus – John 10:27-28, We are told to obey God's commands)
5. How does the Obedience of Jesus and our confidence in his saving work (Philippians 2:6-8) empower us to obey (Galatians 2:20, Philippians 2:13)?
6. Discuss how obedience to God's good commands glorifies God.
7. How does our pursuit of obedience remind us of our need for community? (Hebrews 10:24-25)

**Note:** these questions are suggestions, feel free to pick only a few, or change the order of these questions for discussion at your crowded house. Take time to pray for one another. Thank God for the opportunity to lead one another to and through a life changing relationship with Jesus and his family.