



SUMMER



THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY



Study



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Deuteronomy 1:1–8

Topics: Exodus, Wilderness, Sin, Waywardness, Simplicity, Contentment

Big Idea of the Message: Sin has a way of spoiling our personal journeys.

Application Point: Christians must keep to the “straight and narrow,” lest they lose their way and fall into all kinds of needless snares.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. Why was the first exodus generation banned from the promised land?
3. In what ways can sin spoil our spiritual journeys?
4. Is all derailment a consequence of personal sin?
5. Are you a “simple” person?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Deuteronomy 4:1; 5:33

Topics: Moses, Obedience, Faithfulness, Failure, Redemption, Resilience, Leadership

Big Idea of the Message: Moses was a leader worth following.

Application Point: Christians are called to a life of resilience and perseverance.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why was Moses a leader worth following?
3. In what way was Moses faithful to the end?
4. How can we strive to follow in Moses's footsteps?
5. What does resilience look like in the Christian life?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Deuteronomy 6:1–25; 10:12

Topics: Laws, Faithfulness, Blessings, Happiness, Simplicity, Love, Fear, Loss

Big Idea of the Message: Faithfulness is the pathway to God's kind of prosperity.

Application Point: Love is the primary motivational factor for the Christian, but *healthy* fear can protect us from all kinds of needless danger.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the purpose of God's laws?
3. In what way does faithfulness lead to blessing?
4. Do you think God wants us to be joyful and fulfilled?
5. How do both love and fear function as motivations in the Christian life?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Deuteronomy 8:1–10

Topics: Testing, Trials, Discipline, Formation, Preparation, Gratitude

Big Idea of the Message: God disciplines those he loves (Hebrews 12:6).

Application Point: Christians must learn to treasure the journey as much as the destination.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the point of times of testing in the Christian life?
3. How does God's discipline relate to God's love?
4. What role does gratitude play in your relationship with God?
5. Why should one treasure the spiritual *journey* as much as one treasures the spiritual *destination*?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 5

Text: Deuteronomy 18:9–14

Topics: Paganism, Idolatry, Demotion, Friends, Edification, Influence

Big Idea of the Message: Choose your friends wisely.

Application Point: Christians should expel negative influences from their lives.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What are some modern forms of idolatry?
3. What should be our main principle of selection when choosing friends?
4. Should Christians have non-Christian friends? Why or why not?
5. When and why should Christians remove certain people from their lives?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 6

Text: Deuteronomy 18:15–18

Topics: Moses, Prophet, Inauguration, Authentic, Counterfeit, Mediator, Jesus

Big Idea of the Message: Moses is the prototypical prophet of God, surpassed only by Jesus Christ himself—who is the very Word of God made flesh.

Application Point: Christians must be wary of false prophets, always prepared to “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1) by the unblemished standard of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. In what way is Moses the prototypical prophet in the history of Israel?
3. What are the role and purpose of a prophet?
4. How do we judge the authenticity of a prophetic word?
5. How would you define the relationship between Moses and Jesus?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 7

Text: Deuteronomy 30:19

Topics: Blessing, Cursing, Life, Death, Choice, Consequences, Ascent, Prosperity

Big Idea of the Message: Our choices have consequences.

Application Point: Sometimes the one who suffers is the most blessed.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What are the meaning and significance of Deuteronomy's contrast between blessing and cursing, life and death?
3. What role does choice play in the Christian life?
4. What does spiritual "ascent" entail?
5. Do "blessing" and "prosperity" preclude pain and suffering?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 8

Text: Deuteronomy 31:24–29; 32:1–22

Topics: Accountability, Repentance, Complacency, Justice, Vengeance, Forgiveness

Big Idea of the Message: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6).

Application Point: Christians are not to “repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary,” we are to “bless, for to this [we] were called, that [we] may obtain a blessing” (1 Peter 3:9).

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. How do the laws of God and the Spirit of God create accountability?
3. What does it mean to *live* in repentance?
4. How do we avoid spiritual complacency in our lives?
5. In the Christian faith, why is vengeance placed in the hands of God while forgiveness is placed in the hands of human beings?
6. How can we pray for you?