

FACING A NEW FUTURE

| A STUDY OF
DEUTERONOMY

Have you ever blown an opportunity? Do you feel like you're on the edge of a new one? In this series, we look at the opportunity God gave to Moses and the Israelites in Deuteronomy and how to seize the opportunities God has given us.

Week One: Ready for a Fresh Start?

Text: Deuteronomy 1-4

Discussion Questions: These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- Think back over your life. Describe a time you missed an opportunity.
- Read Deuteronomy 1:19-2:1, 14-15. What would it be like to see your parents disobey the plan of God and end up wasting their lives in the wilderness? (Maybe you KNOW what that's like!)
- How might disobedience to God in your past limit your future?
- How is the law a gracious gift from God? (Deuteronomy 4:1-9) Did God give the law to Israel to make their lives difficult or better? Explain.

What are you going to do about it?

- Read Deuteronomy 4:32-40. Compare the grace of God in the salvation of Israel with God's grace in our salvation through the coming of Jesus. (See Philippians 2:5-11)
- This season of disruption is giving us the opportunity to reevaluate life in light of what God has done for us. What do you think going 'all in' for God might look like for you? Check out the second page for ideas.

How can others in this group help you or pray for you?

Pray for concerns and issues that were discussed in your meeting.

Choose partners to check-in with during the coming week to discuss the following:

Some Possible Applications:

God has given us a great opportunity to re-shape a “new normal” in our post-pandemic world. Take some time for personal reflection on how you might better align each area of your life with God’s design. Good spiritual disciplines will catalyze our spiritual growth and service to others. Whatever you want your future to be, start working on it now!

Name:

Date:

FAITH, FAMILY & OUTREACH	SIMPLE COMMITMENTS / FREQUENCY
CONNECTING WITH GOD Developing new habits that will re-shape my response to God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B
CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE Developing new habits that will re-shape my relationships with people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B
IMPROVING MY FAMILY LIFE Developing the family life I know God desires for me.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B
IDENTIFYING WITH JESUS Embracing Christ’s mission in my interactions with people outside the family of God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B

Who will give me encouraging accountability?

Key Areas to consider:

- Daily Bible reading
- Daily prayer – praise, thankfulness, confession, FRANC list, daily prayer list
- Corporate worship
- Serving in the church
- Bible study, memorization, meditation
- Priorities and time management
- Giving and financial stewardship
- Marriage, family time, date nights, parenting
- Diet, exercise, health
- Occupation, work, career
- Outreach in the community (FRANC List, BLESS)