

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 we can seize the opportunities God has given us.

Week Six: Who Is God to You?

Text: Deuteronomy 11

Sermon Summary:

Maybe you've had the experience of suddenly seeing someone you thought you knew in a new light and realizing you didn't really know them. Many of us we have had that experience with God; we knew Him by reputation or as a casual acquaintance without truly knowing Him. This week, we see that God actively reveals Himself through our life circumstances to teach us Who He really is. In Deuteronomy 11 we can see "the land" as a metaphor for life and our circumstances which can teach us that God is our Provision, Passion, Protection, and Priority.

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 and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

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

- As you think about your life before the pandemic and what it is now, what do you miss most? Has God shown you any unhelpful things from that time that you will not bring back into your life after the pandemic is over?
- In Deuteronomy 11:2, God told the people that He had used the things they had seen and experienced to discipline them (the word 'discipline' means to instruct or train). Give some examples of how God has taught you things about himself through your life circumstances.
- Read Deuteronomy 11:8-28. When God gave Israel the land of Canaan, what was He going to teach his people through the land? What stands out to you most about how God works with his people in this way?

What are you going to do about it?

- How does viewing your life as a learning experience with God as your teacher change the way you see your struggles and successes?
- In practical ways, give examples of how God has shown you that He is (or could be) your Provision, your Passion, your Protection, and your Priority. Which of these are you confident in and with which do you struggle?

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

- Read Deuteronomy 11:10. How is the “land you are entering” different from the one you left? In what ways do those differences cause you concern or difficulty?
- Pray for each other about those changing circumstances. Ask God to show you what He wants you to learn about Him as a result.

Possible Applications:

- Take time each morning this week to focus on one circumstance that is causing you concern or difficulty right now. Ask God to teach you that He is your Provision, Passion, Protection, and Priority in the midst through that circumstance.
- Find someone (your roommate, spouse, children, or a good friend) to talk to about this shift in perspective. Ask what God is showing THEM.
- Blessing is always given to us to be shared with others, but “blessing” doesn’t mean ease, comfort, or prosperity and it may come in an unexpected form. What circumstance in your COVID world might be a blessing that allows you to serve or bless someone else? Do something about that and share your experience with your group the next time you meet.

MEMORY VERSE

“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14