

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 Eight: Facing a New Future through Worship

Text: Deuteronomy 12

Sermon Summary:

How are you coping with the challenges we are facing today? This week we saw that our ability to cope with whatever challenges we face is Worship. When we establish the priority of ascribing ultimate value to God in a way that engages our entire being (mind, will, and emotions) our perspective on the rest of life shifts. Challenges become more manageable. Deuteronomy describes a lifestyle of worship that is lived out in two areas: regular gatherings with the people of God for corporate worship, and daily private worship with the people in our homes.

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?

- Share with your group what you love about worship. Can you recall an instance where worship was particularly meaningful for you? What happened?
- If you were to explain to someone else what worship is, how would you describe it? Would you have described it any differently prior to this week's message?
- During worship this week, can you share points where your mind, emotions, and will were all engaged? How so?

What are you going to do about it?

- Read Deuteronomy 12:1-7. What do you think it means to 'worship in the place of God?' Why is it important?
- Read Deuteronomy 12:15, 20-21. What does it mean to 'worship in the place God puts you?' Why is it important?

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

- What challenges are you facing with regard to gathering for corporate worship "in the place of God?" Have you been attending church services at HCBC? Are you ready to consider it? If not, are there other ways to gather with the people of God and worship together? Think creatively and learn from the creative ideas of others. [Some ideas might include joining the online chat during Church online or watching the service with your small group community in someone's backyard.]

Possible Application:

Plan a way to create family **Meals with Meaning**. What elements would you include? Take into consideration the ages of children in your home. Children's Ministry at HCBC has prepared resources that may be helpful.

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MEMORY VERSE

*"There, in the presence of the Lord your God,
you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your
hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you."*

Deuteronomy 12:7