

Intro to Deuteronomy

Nehemiah 8:1-12, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12

Launch

Deuteronomy teaches that God's love for His people means that he asks for their love in return, which can be expressed through obeying his commandments or truths that he provides. Throughout this sermon series we will explore 34 truths that God has intended for our lives. We hope that your group can enter into intentional times of reading, discussion, and engagement. Remember, you can also go deeper!

Explore

Read the passage

We learned that when Ezra opened and read the word of the Lord people responded with worship, weeping/mourning, and joy. Powerful things happen when the people of God gather and read His word together.

Scripture is powerful enough to teach us, convict us, and correct us. Sometimes we may see reading the Bible as something we need to check off on our spiritual checklist or even a burden. We need to understand God that scripture is a gift from God that gives us insight into His purpose for our lives.

The Old Testament contains tough topics and questions for most readers. Throughout this series we will address these questions as they come, what you can do now is write down and ask questions within your group and explore what people are wondering entering this new season of study. People probably have the same questions that you have, so go ahead and ask! Remember, you can always go deeper! Go and use the resources at centralsf.org/34.

Apply

We believe that scripture holds an authority like no other. What are areas of your life where scripture holds authority? What is an area in your life where you struggle to recognize scripture or take the opportunity to learn from it?

The Israelites had the physical presence of God leading them through the wilderness as a pillar of cloud (day) and a pillar of fire (night), yet still struggled to follow God in every season. What may come up in this season that will try and obstruct or cloud where God is trying to lead you?

Now open up your Deuteronomy books! Turn to page 2 and go through the content provided. This week's scripture wasn't out of Deuteronomy, but the questions still apply to what we learned! Finally, challenge each other to read next week's passage (Deuteronomy 1) before next Sunday!

Pray

As we enter into a new sermon series at Central, pray for spiritual maturity and involvement in your life and ask God what he can teach or reveal to you and your group through studying Deuteronomy.