

Deuteronomy 5

Deuteronomy 5:7-21

Launch

In Deuteronomy 5 Moses reminds Israel of the 10 Commandments. This chapter continues Moses' conversation with the Israelites reminding them about what God has done for them and what He has provided them to follow. Coach Moses is telling the Israelites to remember the fundamentals, the primary principles that their nation was built on. We see that God did provide the law for the Israelites but He needed to rescue them from slavery first. God's saving grace came before the law. The fundamentals may be uninteresting at times but are necessary for success. ***What are some fundamentals in your life that you often take for granted?***

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 5:7-21. This week's promise is "Keep the main thing the main thing." As you read through the passage take time to see how this truth comes to fruition.

Read Deuteronomy 5:32-33. How does Moses mentioning the "path your Lord has commanded you to follow" relate to the Israelites' journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land?

Open your Deuteronomy books, turn to page 2, and go through the **Engage** section as a group. Challenge each other to read through next week's chapter (Deuteronomy 6) before next Sunday! Remember you can always go deeper and find answers to questions at centralsf.org/34.

Apply

How do we forget the fundamentals in our personal faith walks? What are the effects of this forgetfulness or neglect?

Sometimes when we go to God we think we need to have it figured out. This can lead to us thinking we are trying to obey God's commandments or living a "Christian lifestyle" in order to receive more love from God or to feel accepted. *Why do we struggle with this idea? How do we balance living for God's glory with living under grace, knowing that our efforts don't bring us salvation?*

Pastor Jeff gave 10 priorities that come from the Commandments. *Which priority is the hardest for you to understand and live out?* (Priority of God, God's Transcendence, Reverence of God, Worship of God, Honor, Human Life, Faithfulness, Justice, Honesty, Gratitude.) Remember the first four Commandments address our approach to God and the last six are how we treat each other.

Pray

Pray for strength and ability to love God and love people, that we can reflect this love in our everyday lives to those around us.