

Deuteronomy 9

Deuteronomy 9:4-16, 24

Launch

In Deuteronomy 9, we see that God's purpose requires prayer. We know that prayer can be confusing; we may feel inadequate, we may feel like we are not good at it so we don't pray, or we may use an excuse like we lack the time to pray. However, we must understand that prayer should not be based on a formula that we come up with but rather based on principles that God gives us. As Christians, we need to commune with God through prayer daily and we can use these principles in our everyday prayer lives, giving God genuine prayer and forgetting the formula.

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 6:4-16. We observed that God and Moses are going back and forth. Moses ultimately reminds the Israelites of how they've rebelled against God and prays to God that these are your people; even if they've rebelled against you, do not destroy them. Moses had a relationship with God like no other human has, *what can we learn from Moses about his relationship with God and his plea to Him?*

Read Deuteronomy 6:25-29. The Israelites were God's special possession and people that He had made covenants with. We see Moses call out to God that He cannot destroy them because of what the Egyptians will think. *Why do you think Moses brings up the Exodus in his prayer?*

Open your Deuteronomy books to page 2, and go through the **Engage** section as a group. Challenge each other to read through next week's chapter (Deuteronomy 10) before next Sunday! Remember you can always go deeper and find answers to questions at centralsf.org/34.

Apply

As Christians, we are not morally better than anyone else. *How should this mindset change the way we talk and think about those who don't know Jesus?*

Out of the four principles for prayer of God's passion, purpose, promise, and person. *What principle do you need to recognize more in your prayer life?*

How can these principles change the way we pray?

Pray

Pray for our church family as we prepare for the transition into the gym and the addition of another Saturday night service. Pray that we will stay united as a church in a time of being scattered.