

Deuteronomy 16

Deuteronomy 16:1-17

Launch

This week we learned that God's purpose for us involves trusting God through the wilderness. Moses reminds the Israelites of Passover and the Feasts that are important for them to observe. The Israelites were to follow God as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Whenever God was on the move, so were the Israelites. We learned that while the Israelites were traveling they had to know that the wilderness was only a part of the journey and not the destination of the Promised Land. We must remember that the wilderness is only part of the journey and we need to trust in God and His provision to lead us.

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 16:1-17

After reading this, what do you think this passage can teach us about how to rejoice with other Christians in times of celebration? How can we include non-Christian's? The Israelites were called to include everyone (widows, slaves, sojourners, etc.)?

Open your Deuteronomy books and turn to page 2 and go through the **Engage** section as a group. Remember, you can always go deeper and find answers to questions at centralsf.org/34.

Apply

How have you experienced a moment in the "wilderness" recently? What was it like? What did you learn from it?

Being in the wilderness can throw off our mental and emotional processes. *How can we respond with God's joy in times of suffering?*

We learned that the wilderness is only temporary and not forever. *How can this truth help shape your future understanding of moments in the wilderness?*

Pray

Pray for our country and that a spirit of hope, peace, and joy can fill our country. Pray for our church as we continue to undergo expansion and moments of feeling in the wilderness.