

Deuteronomy 17

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Launch

This week we learned that God's purpose involves dependence on God's word that will produce a lifelong posture of humility. In Chapter 17 we learned that God laid out ground rules for when the Israelites wanted a human king to rule over them. He said that they should not want military power, political influence, wealth, and status. But rather, they should be a King who knows God's law and does not put himself above his people. The Israelites were called to not be like the other nations around them but they still fell into their own desires of wanting a King. These Kings were called to high standards of writing down scripture and keeping them with it wherever they went. In the end, Jesus is the one true King who lived up to the standard of embodying God's law and humbling Himself below His people upon the cross.

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 17:14-20

After reading this, what do you think this passage can teach us about how we view humans who are in power? What should we do when we have an area in life that lacks Christian leadership?

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

What is a part of your life that you might put a worldly "king" in front of God? Or in Pastor Adam's words, where do you turn God into a cheerleader?

What does it look like for you to "downsize" in your life? Not necessarily materialistic items but rather worldly things vs. heavenly things. How can you do this? (Ex. spiritual discipline, giving something up, spending your time doing something for God rather than yourself).

What would it look like if you took writing God's word down literally and having it with you everywhere you go? (Group Leaders can do an activity of providing paper to write down scripture, maybe challenge your lifegroup to memorize a verse of two before your next meeting).

Pray

Pray for our church family as we continue our journey through the mission expansion. Pray that we will be people who live with humility.