

Deuteronomy Thirty-One

Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 14-16, 23, 27, 29

Launch

This past weekend, we learned that **God's purpose is learned from others.** In Deuteronomy 31, Moses prepares Israel for life without him and commissions Joshua to lead the people into the Promised Land. The chapter shows Moses responding faithfully to being denied entry into the land after leading Israel for forty years, reminding us how to trust and obey God even when we do not receive a privilege we hoped for. Throughout the chapter, Moses continually points the people to the power of God's presence, encouraging them to be strong and courageous because the Lord Himself would go before them and never leave them nor forsake them.

Explore

Read the passage: Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 14-16, 23, 27, and 29

After reading the passage, what sticks out? What did the Holy Spirit put on your heart?

Open your Deuteronomy books, 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

*Moses overcame the pain of disappointment of not being able to enter the Promised Land. This pain is something we still deeply feel today, as we often live with a sense of entitlement. **How do you handle being denied a privilege that you feel entitled to but do not get to experience?** Maybe it's not getting the promotion you thought you deserved, not getting into the school or program you wanted, remaining single when you desire marriage, not receiving recognition for your hard work, or facing consequences for your own choices. **When God says "no" to something you desperately want, do you respond with trust and obedience like Moses, or with resentment and bitterness?***

On a scale from 1-10, how have you been in learning to depend on God's presence for your strength? What is one way you can grow in this area?

Pray

Pray for your group to radically experience God's presence in a new, refreshing way. Pray that when faced with something we desperately want and are entitled to, we respond with trust and obedience to God. Pray for salvation amongst members of your respective Oikos.