**Jesus the Prophet**

**The Word**

Read Together Deuteronomy 18:14-22

**Questions for Discussion**

1. What idea was most impactful to you as you considered the role of the prophets throughout the history of Israel?

2. How did considering Jesus through the lens of a prophet change or deepen your understanding of him and his ministry?

3. We concluded Sunday’s message with a challenge to make Jesus and his words our primary source of truth and guidance, rather than turning to other voices and sources for our primary guidance. We spent some time in prayerful self-examination. Share some of your answers to the questions that were asked during that time of prayer:

* What are the primary voices/sources you go to for guidance and truth apart from God’s Word?
* What keeps you from more regular time in God’s Word (for example, not having a plan in place, lack of discipline, not having confidence that you’ll understand what you’re reading, not enjoying time in the Bible, etc.)
* What do you need from God that would help you engage more regularly with his Word?

**Digging Deeper: Sermon Outline**

I. Deuteronomy 18

A. The need for a prophet: the people were afraid of hearing the unmediated powerful word of God and so they asked for a “go-between” who could speak the words of God.

B. God promised to send a prophet like Moses who would speak his authoritative words to his people

II. The ministry of the prophets

 A. Their ministry spanned hundreds of years in Israel’s history

 B. They spoke God’s words to God’s people with a message: “Turn to the Lord”

 C. They had a ministry of both confronting and encouraging the people

 1. They confronted the people for their waywardness

 a. Idolatry: See Hosea 2:2-13

 b. Injustice: See Isaiah 58:2-7

 c. They often engaged in wild symbolic action to get their message across

 2. They comforted the people with reminders of God’s love and mercy

 See Isaiah 40:1-2, 10-11 and Ezekiel 34:11-12, 36:25-26

D. Through the prophets you see God’s passionate heart for his people, and you see him in his most raw and emotional moments

III. Jesus as prophet

 A. He speaks the very words of God to his people (see Hebrews 1:1-2, John 12:49-50)

 B. He was recognized as a prophet in his lifetime (see John 6:14, Luke 24:19)

 C. He had a prophetic ministry of calling the people: “Turn to the Lord.”

D. He had a ministry of both confronting (see Matthew 23:23-28) and comforting (see Matthew 5:3-6) the people

IV. What does it mean to relate to Jesus as our prophet?

A. Recognize our need for a prophet

1. Ever since Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we have tried to define good and evil/right and wrong for ourselves and we have lost our way.

2. We will never intellectualize our way to the truth or moralize our hearts to perfection. We need prophetic revelation from the outside.

 B. Go to Jesus and his words as our source of truth and authority

1. We so often go to other sources and voices for guidance in the issues of life (see 2 Timothy 4:3-4), but we should make Jesus our primary source of guidance.

2. Engage in regular Bible reading and meditation. Let Jesus’ words confront us and comfort us and guide us.

3. For a Bible reading plan, click on the following links:

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