



#### Check In

Connect with God honestly about where you are at



#### Reflect

"Review until" something pops to talk to God about



#### Share

Talk with God & others about what is now on your heart to do

## Deuteronomy

### Session 1 - Deuteronomy as Treaty

#### Check In

God is glad to connect with you. He wants to hear about how you are doing. Take a moment to notice your primary emotion of the day as a way to help yourself be fully present. Consider whether you are primarily sad, angry, scared, happy, tender, etc. Share with God that emotion. Write out: What are you thankful for? Ask him, "How does he feel about you?"

#### Reflect

Spend some time with the biblical texts and the resources below. Do so until something in particular pops out to you, you do not need to get through everything. Talk with God about what encourages, challenges, or confuses you.

#### Read Deuteronomy 1:1-5

*Deuteronomy is a collection of Moses' final addresses to God's covenant people. Moses' generation, who did not trust God to take the Promised Land 40 years prior, has passed away and the new generation is being invited to be faithful to God and his ways.*

*Deuteronomy is arranged in the form of an ancient treaty, or covenant. Two patriarchs (or kings) of tribes would outline the story of how their relationship formed, the principles by which they had learned to live with and maintain a peaceful relationship, and the blessings and consequences of not maintaining that relationship. This was intended to help their family and workers learn how to cultivate the same kind of relationship with each other. In this case, Moses is telling the story of God and his covenant people, expounding on the principles of relationship with God (summarized in the 10 Words/Commandments), and laying before the next generation a choice between life (blessing) and death (curse/consequences).*

*Some of the main themes we will pay attention to are: Relationship - how Moses is teaching the next generation to be in relationship with God and take on the stewardship of being his covenant people with each other and the world; Revelation - how the 10 Words, or Decalogue, are offered as legal wisdom about the reality of God's world and ways; Character - how the Law describes who God is, holy, and how, as God's covenant people, we are invited to be like him.*

Watch [Covenants](#) by The Bible Project

#### Share

Be quiet for 3 minutes. What do you sense God is saying to you? How will you pursue being faithful with that this week? The community is blessed when we share out of our life experience, gifting, time with God, and reflection on scripture. We believe everyone contributes to teaching. What insight, question, or experience do you want to share with us?

#### Steps for Church Families of Prayerful Love:

- What are you thankful for? What challenges are happening in your life, family and community?
- What did you like/not like about the Scripture?
- What did you learn about God and people from the Scripture?
- What do you sense God inviting you to live out with him this week?
- Who do you know who needs to hear this?
- Ask God: How can I bless (body, labor, emotions, social, spiritual) those people who need this?