



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 3 - The Victories of God against "the Giants"

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 2:2-3:29

The next part of the story sadly presents the irony of an 11 day journey (1:2 and 2:7) by foot being the space the Hebrews wandered for 38 years. Moses reminds the new generation that God is consistently gaining victory over those peoples directly partnered with fallen spirits, referred to as Rephaim, a name derived from the word for "giants." He tells the stories of how the descendants of Esau partnered with God against the Horites, God moved the Rephaim for the descendants of Lot, and God gave this generation victory over Sihon and Og. Notice the repeated pattern of how God "hardened the heart" of the ruler seen in league with the opposing spirits (Pharaoh in Exodus and Sihon in Deuteronomy). In all this, Moses models for Joshua and the new generation the pattern they are to follow in listening to God, taking the kingdoms, and allotting the land to the Hebrew tribes.

Relationship - What stands out to you about being in relationship with God and our stewardship as his covenant people?

Revelation - What do you notice about the reality of God's world and ways?

Character - What do you learn about God as holy, and how, as his covenant people, we are invited to be like him?

Listen to John Walton's [Deuteronomy: Session 1](#) on an intro to the Decalogue (there is also a [Q&A episode](#)) which will prepare you for Moses' second address, beginning in Deuteronomy chapter 4

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?