

Small Group Guide: Deuteronomy - Moving Forward in Faith

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Opening Question:

Share a time when you had to move out of your comfort zone and trust God. How did that experience impact your faith?

Key Takeaways:

1. Deuteronomy represents a renewal of God's covenant with a new generation of Israelites.
2. God calls us to move forward in our faith journey, not remaining stagnant.
3. Remembering God's past faithfulness gives us confidence for the future.
4. Unity and intentional living are crucial for surviving in an ungodly world.
5. Our trust in God increases through obedience and recognizing Him as our King and Deliverer.

Discussion Questions:

1. The Israelites had to transition from relying on daily miracles to exercising greater faith. How can we apply this principle in our own lives?
2. Moses recounts both the mistakes and God's grace in Israel's history. Why is it important to remember both our failures and God's faithfulness?

3. The message mentions developing a habit of thanking God for 100 things each day. How might this practice change our perspective and relationship with God?
4. Discuss the concept of living intentionally for God, even in mundane activities like eating. How can we bring more intentionality to our daily lives?
5. The message emphasizes the importance of encouragement within the community of believers. How can our group better support and build up one another?
6. Reflect on the quote by Rabbi Abraham Kook about increasing light rather than complaining about darkness. How can we practically apply this mindset?

Practical Applications:

1. Start a gratitude journal, aiming to list at least 50 things you're thankful for each day this week.
2. Choose one daily activity (e.g., eating, commuting) and brainstorm ways to do it more intentionally with God in mind.
3. Reach out to someone in the group or church community with a specific word of encouragement this week.
4. Reflect on areas where you might be spiritually "comfortable" and pray about how God might be calling you to grow or step out in faith.
5. Memorize Hebrews 3:13 as a reminder to encourage one another daily.