



Morning Services of Divine Worship – January 18, 2025

Deuteronomy: Wholehearted Love

“The First Session”

Deuteronomy 1:9–18

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The First Session

The Weight of Leadership (1:9–12)

Faithful leadership presents challenges that can overwhelm the individual leader.

The Wisdom of Elders (1:13–15)

Shared leadership can alleviate the weight of leadership by distributing the responsibility, authority, and accountability to other mature and equipped leaders.

The Way of Discernment (1:16–18)

Wise leadership is biblically just, not showing partiality, but applying dignity and fairness to fellow humans who are made in the image of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you experienced leadership challenges in your church, corporation, or family that led you to seek the help of others?
2. What are the good qualities of elders? The Bible gives us credentials of church elders in places like 1 Tim 3:1-7, Tit 1:6-9, and 1 Pet 5:1-5. What does this tell us about the kinds of people we should seek to share leadership?
3. How does the leadership of elders at Briarwood change the way that we think about the church and our role in it? What are the responsibilities of the congregation? What are the responsibilities of the elders?