

Week 5

Recall & Retell

Deuteronomy 6:10-12, 20-25

¹⁰ “And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

²⁰ “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?’ ²¹ then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²² And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. ²³ And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. ²⁴ And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. ²⁵ And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.’

Week 5: Discussion Questions

When is the last time you shared your testimony? Does telling your faith story come easy, or is it a challenge? Why do you think this is?

Read **Deuteronomy 6:10-19** and discuss the following.

Moses gives some examples of God's past grace. Which ones does he share, and for what purpose?

Why do you think we are so prone to forgetfulness? What are its chief causes?

How did Israel test the Lord at Massah (**Exodus 17:1-7**), and how does this connect with the preceding paragraph?

Read **Deuteronomy 6:20-25** and discuss the following.

According to this passage, what are some reasons for remembering God's past provision and grace toward us?

Can you think of a time when you were encouraged by the testimony of another? What particular elements of your story might comfort others?

God says that our reverence of Him and obedience to Him is "*for our good always*" (**v.24**). How might taking this truth to heart transform the way you see God and His Word, and why?

Week 6

Chosen

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ *“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,*

Week 6: *Discussion Questions*

What is something you treasure? What makes it so precious?

Read **Deuteronomy 7:6-11** and discuss the following.

What does it mean to be God's "*treasured possession*"? Believer, is it difficult for you to acknowledge this reality? Why or why not?

Moses tells us why the Lord specifically chose Israel. He gives both positive and negative explanations. Discuss each of the reasons listed in the text.

How should our understanding of being chosen by the Lord influence and inform our personal and corporate faith? Explain your answer.

Read **Deuteronomy 7:12-23** and discuss the following.

In your own words, summarize what you just read. What does the Lord promise His people?

What do you make of **v.22-23**? How have you seen this play out in your own life? Why might the Lord work little by little over time, rather than giving us everything all at once?

How does this particular passage comfort and/or convict you personally?

Week 7

Remember & Worship

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Week 7: Discussion Questions

What fuels your worship? When you gather weekly to sing and pray as a local body, how do you personally prepare for that time? What needs to take place in order for you to be ready to praise? Share any tried and tested helps.

Read **Deuteronomy 8:1-10** and discuss the following.

A central theme of Deuteronomy is remembering. Moses mentions it on almost every page—remember what God has done, who He is, and what He has promised. What does Moses remind Israel to remember in this passage?

List the specific ways the Lord led His people through the wilderness. What most stands out to you about the Lord's provision?

Moses reminds the people of the good laid ahead of them. What will this realized blessing produce?

What future blessings are promised to us in Christ? How can we keep this hope before us?

Discuss the dangers of forgetfulness. What might it lead to? Where will it take us? Describe some signs of a fading memory.

How can we tangibly strengthen our ability to remember? How can we help one another? How might this passage help shape our response?

Week 8

Stubborn, Rebellious, and Redeemed

Deuteronomy 9:6-7

⁶ *“Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people. ⁷ Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.*

Deuteronomy 9:26

And I prayed to the LORD, ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people and your heritage, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Week 8: Discussion Questions

Consider your days before conversion. In a few words, describe your life before Christ. What marked that time? What was your trajectory?

Read **Deuteronomy 9:1-12** and discuss the following.

The Lord promises to give them the land, in spite of “giants” that live there (see **Numbers 13:28-33**). According to the text, how exactly will this happen?

What singular point is Moses making clear? Why is this necessary? Are you ever tempted to take credit due the Lord?

How is Israel described in these verses? Even though the events refer to the Exodus generation, Moses assigns the characteristics to the wilderness-born generation. What does this tell us about the nature of man? How do you resemble these same descriptions?

Moses recounts the golden calf debacle and Israel’s rebellion (**v.13-24**). The Lord was going to destroy the people, but Moses interceded, prayed on their behalf, and the Lord relented (**Exodus 32:11-14**). Read **v.25-29** and discuss how Israel is described. Summarize this appeal in your own words.

How can we be both stubbornly rebellious and simultaneously God’s redeemed people? That is, how can we be sinners and saints?

Why is it a good thing to reflect on our sin and God’s mercy toward us? What makes this such a difficult endeavor? How can we tangibly help one another to fight sin and pursue righteousness in Christ?