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The Book of Deuteronomy  
Sermon booklet

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

# Welcome!

How to use this book:



## 1. Personal Devotions

- Use this book to help you read your Bible every day. You will find a guide that will help you read through scriptures related to our sermon series. Scribble down your thoughts and questions, and remember to pray and ask God to speak to you by His Spirit, through His Word. Additionally we've recommended a verse to memorise each week.
- Listen to our Spotify playlist by searching for the 'Church by the Bridge and St Augustine's Songs We Sing' playlist.
- Please make note of and pray too, for the mentioned 'what's on' events each week.



## 2. Connect Groups

- Take this guide with you to your Connect Group each week. Bible Studies based on the Sunday Bible talks will be provided to your leader each week, so we have left space to write down comments, questions and prayer points that come from the study that week and prayer requests from the members of your group.



## 3. Church

- Keep this guide with your Bible and bring it with you to church.
- Scribble down sermon notes in the space provided.

## Dear Church,

In our 'Year of Loving Your Neighbour', it has been so encouraging to see and hear stories of people putting that into practice. A reminder of our 5 steps:

- Pray – pray for your neighbours by name or house number
- Connect – stop and say 'hello'; meet a need, do a random act of kindness
- Eat – invite people round for meals, throw a drinks party, include people from church in your regular meals
- Share – share your story, share a testimony
- Invite – invite people to Alpha, Christianity Explored or church

I do believe God is at work in our neighbourhood and He has placed people in our paths to shine and speak the love of Christ into their lives.

This term we are preaching through the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. I'm excited by how God is planning to shape and shake us as we dig into the treasures of His word. My prayer is that we will enlarge our vision of God – his uniqueness, his power, his faithfulness, his holiness, his love. And we'd grasp the blessed life he longs us to experience and enjoy as we choose to love him, fear him and walk in obedience to him. The lessons that God's people learned then are lessons I believe our church needs to learn today – as we live in this increasingly hostile society we are called to live distinctive, holy lives which honour God and witness to our world. I wonder if we are missing out on the blessed life on offer to us because of our half-heartedness or disobedience? And in our year of loving your neighbour, I'm excited to grapple with the middle chapters where we'll be confronted by the joys of generosity, justice, compassion, purity, honesty and prosperity. As we wander through life heading toward our promised land, with the Lord Jesus as our ever-present leader, my prayer is that He will enrich and purify our church.

There are many wonderful ministry opportunities for Term 2 which I commend to you:

- Planting a new morning congregation at 9:30am in Macquarie Park, with a soft launch on Sun 2nd May
- Wellbeing & Care Seminars: Parenting Teens & Mental Health and a seminar on the sensitive topics of sexual assault and abuse
- The Singles Conference on the June long weekend

- Our Men's Recharge event and Women's Refuel mini-conference
- Our Explore courses (both Alpha & Christianity Explored)
- The opportunity to learn from returned mission partners (e.g. the Powells) as well as hear about the work of Compassion
- For our Kids: Mega Monday (pupil free activity day); Square One camp; our regular Playtime (Mon & Thurs) and Bay Kids (Fri) and Kids Church (Sun)
- For our Youth: KYCK camp; our regular Ignite Youth (Fri) and Ignite Connect (Sun)
- For our Young Adults: our regular Young Adults Evenings (Mon)
- Our ongoing ministry to Greenway and the Aged Care homes

Of course, none of these ministries can happen without being undergirded and driven by prayer – so I continue to encourage you to prioritize our Central Prayer Gatherings on the 1st week of each month (Sat morning in Neutral Bay, Wed evenings in Kirribilli)

May we be the church that God describes in Deuteronomy 10:12-13 "12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?"

With love in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P D Dale', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Paul Dale  
(Senior Pastor)

# Overview of the book of Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy has ‘more influence on the rest of the biblical story than any other book of the Bible’ (quote from Fee & Stuart).

Chris Wright suggests, ‘Deuteronomy is to the Old Testament what Romans is to the New Testament’.

‘I thought Deuteronomy was super boring, but actually it’s awesome!’ - (Paul Dale!)

Deuteronomy is the last book in the Pentateuch. The book is basically 3 speeches of Moses, given to people as they stand on the banks of the Jordan, about to cross over into the Promised Land. These are Moses’ last words to his people.

Name:

Deuteronomy means “second law”. That phrase is used in Deut 17:18 when Moses commands the king to make a ‘copy of the law’ (there were no photocopiers! It was all handwritten!). But Deuteronomy is not just a copy! This book is a restatement of the law for the new generation of God’s people who are about to enter the land.

# of Deuteronomy



## Author:

“These are the words Moses spoke to all Israel in the wilderness east of the Jordan” (Deut 1:1). Mosaic authorship is supported both from Jewish tradition and from within the text (e.g. 1:1, 4:44, 29:1, Josh 1:8). When Deuteronomy is quoted, both OT and NT writers refer to Moses as the author (1 Kings 2:3, 2 Kings 14:6, Ezra 3:2, Nehemiah 1:7, Malachi 4:4, Matthew 19:7). There have obviously been a few editorial changes (e.g. Moses could not have written the final chapter about his own death!)

## Location:

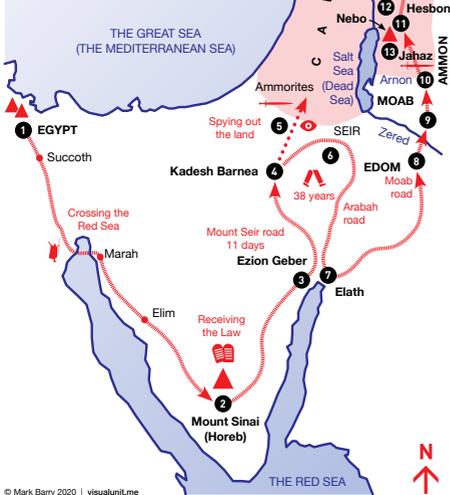
Deuteronomy was written around 1406 BC, at the end of the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. God's people are camped on the east side of the Jordan River (1:1), in the territory of Moab (1:5), across from the city of Jericho (29:1). They are on the verge of entering the land that had been promised to their forefathers (Gen 12:1-9). But they've been there before! They'd come right up to Kadesh Barnea, sent 12 spies in to check out the land (Num 13), and the majority said 'the people are too big, the land is too big, we can't do this'. This disobedience meant God disciplined them with 38 years of wandering. Now they are back! The children who had left Egypt are now adults, standing where their parents once stood. Before they conquer and settle the Promised Land, the LORD reiterates His covenant with them through Moses. This is the last speech before Moses hands over leadership to Joshua.

## Time:

Moses began to instruct the people on the '40th year, on the 1st day of the 11th month' (1:3) – 40th year from the Exodus. And Joshua 4:19 tells us the people crossed the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the '1st day of the 10th month'. So that was 70 days after Moses' first speech. But in 34:8 we're told the people grieved for Moses for 30 days. So in Deuteronomy we have 40 days of God teaching his people.

## DEUTERONOMY MAP

1446 BC	Israel's exodus from Egypt
1446 - 1406 BC	Israel wanders in the wilderness for 40 years
1406 BC	Moses dies and Joshua is appointed leader Israel enters Canaan



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## DEUTERONOMY MAP | KEY

- Egypt:** God saves Israel out of slavery in Egypt and leads them to Mount Sinai (Horeb).
- Mount Sinai (Horeb):** God gives Israel the law through Moses and commands Israel to head to Canaan and take the land he promised to their forefathers (1:6-8).
- Mount Seir road:** Israel make the 11-day trek from Horeb to Kadesh Barnea (1:2,19). Moses commands Israel to take the land (1:20-21).
- Kadesh Barnea:** Israel sends spies to scope out the land and they return with news of its goodness *and* its giant inhabitants. Israel rebels against God and refuses to enter the land (1:22-33). God swears that no living adult (except Joshua) will enter the land (1:34-40).
- Israel defiantly marches into the hill country of the Amorites and is soundly beaten back, camping in Kadesh for many days (1:41-45).
- Seir | Arabah road:** Israel wanders around the hill country of Seir back towards the Red Sea and along the Arabah road for many years (2:1; 2:14).
- Elath | Moab road:** God instructs Israel to head back north peacefully past the descendants of Esau (Edom) from Elath and Ezion Geber along the Moab road (2:2-8).
- Zered:** God instructs Israel to travel peacefully past the Moabitites and across the Zered Valley, 38 years have now passed since leaving Kadesh Barnea and the whole generation of fighting men has died (2:9,13-14).
- Moab:** God commands Israel to leave Moab and travel peacefully past the Ammonites (2:16-19).
- Arnon Gorge | Jahaz:** Israel sets out across the Arnon Gorge and seek to make peace with Sihon the Amorite (King of Heshbon). However, he meets them for battle at Jahaz, where his army is completely defeated and all his cities taken (2:24-37).
- Heshbon | Edrei:** As Israel heads from Heshbon towards Bashan, Og the Amorite (King of Bashan) meets them for battle at Edrei, where his army is also defeated and all his cities taken as well (3:1-10).
- Beth Peor:** After all the land East of the Jordan is divided between the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh (3:12-13), Israel camps in the valley near Beth Peor (3:29). Here Moses reminds Israel of her past, before renewing the covenant with God, as they prepare to enter the land without him.
- Mount Nebo:** After Moses looks to Israel's future and blesses the tribes, he climbs Mount Nebo to see the promised land with his own eyes, before he dies (34:1-5).

## Background:

It takes 11 days from Horeb to the border of Canaan (1:2). It took Israel 40 years! It took 2 years the first time to reach Kadesh Barnea but then they disobeyed, and God punished them with 38 years of wandering. They'd been literally walking round in a circle, setting up grave sites as a reminder of their unbelief. But whilst Israel had spent 40 years in the wilderness, they had walked with God following cloud by day and fire by night; Moses had been their leader for 40 years. They'd experienced God's provision (manna) and his protection. They are now about to go into a new land, the land of Canaan – a land full of idolators, unbelieving & corrupt people. They will live in homes that once worshipped idols. They will be outnumbered by a people who live according to very different rules. So God wants to remind them they are His people and they need to be distinctive as His people. They need to be reminded of God's law lest they forget and assimilate with the culture around them.

## Method:

Deuteronomy is a speech, in fact 3 speeches of Moses to 'all Israel'.

- 1:1-4:43 is a historical review followed by exhortation
- 4:44 – 28:68 is a word of exhortation to covenant loyalty, followed by the law, covenant renewal, blessings and curses
- 29:1-30:20 is a summary and concluding challenge

Israel worshipped YHWH, the totally unique God (Deut 6:4). So by restating the 10 commandments and other laws, Moses is instructing God's people how to live a blessed life in the promised land. The speeches are motivational in tone (there's a river to cross and a battle to win), exhorting in nature (in the midst of many temptations, just obey), but these speeches are not about dazzling eloquence or creative communication, neither entertaining nor culturally engaging, Moses is simply teaching the Word of God!

## Why is Deuteronomy so important?

Whilst Deuteronomy may not seem to be as exciting as Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus or even Numbers, it is a profoundly important book. It is quoted over 80 times in the New Testament. The Lord Jesus quoted it on each of the 3 occasions when he was tempted by Satan in the wilderness and the Apostle Paul quoted it extensively (e.g. Rom 9-11).

Deut 18:15-18 also promises the future perfect prophet: Nathanael sees Jesus as that prophet (John 1:45) and the author to the Hebrews reminds us that our Lord Jesus is greater than even Moses.

## Big idea: God chose his people, and His people must choose God

1. God chose his people: God is the unique, all powerful, sovereign, faithful God. He is the loving, law-giving, ever present God.
2. His people must choose God: There are commands after commands to choose God, in order to live the blessed life.

There is a challenge to monotheism – YHWH is God and there is no other! It is a tragedy when God's people exchange the only true source of salvation for lifeless and powerless substitutes.

There is a challenge to loyalty & obedience in midst of culture change. As God's people live in an idolatrous, hostile, polytheistic, enticing and seductive world, would God's people remain loyal to the knowledge and love of God? Would they live as a distinctive community, embodying justice, compassion and neighbourly love? Would they shine as a 'light' to the nations?

## Key Verses:

4:1 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

6:4-9 – The Shema: 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

10:12-13 12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

30:15-20 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

## Structure:

SECTION 1: Look back! Remember the faithfulness of God in the past!

- 1:1-8 – God’s words reminding people of their past
- 1:9-18 – Delegation of leadership
- 1:19-33 – People doubt God’s faithfulness and magnify human problems; don’t trust that God will fight for them
- 1:34-46 – God’s anger at their disobedience (with consequences) but his pleasure at a few
- 2:1-3:11 – God’s provision even in wilderness; God’s victory over Sihon and Og
- 3:12-29 – Preparing for the future and handing over leadership
- 4:1-43 – Exhortation to obedience and warnings of idolatry; believing and obeying God’s word

SECTION 2: Chapters 5-28: Look up! Remember the holiness of God today!

Part 1:

- 5:1-5 – All people called to HEAR; LEARN; FOLLOW. Foundation of God’s covenant relationship (v2) and God’s redemptive act (v6)
- 5:6-21 – Moses reviews the commandments of God – let’s remind ourselves of God’s timeless truth
- 5:22-33 – God’s longing for His people to be careful to obey Him and fear Him
- 6:1-9 – The Shema! God’s uniqueness and the call to love Him wholeheartedly, have every part of life shaped by love for God, and to pass on to next generation
- 6:10-25 – Pitfalls of prosperity – danger of forgetting God when things are good!
- 7:1-26 – Devotion to God means complete destruction of everything opposed to God
- 8:1-20 – Remember the times of discipline; praise God for his blessings but beware of forgetting God

- 9:1-10:11 – A rebellious people; a praying leader and a holy God
- 10:12-22 – God's holy love as motivation to fear him, love him, serve him, keep his commands and walk in his ways
- 11:1-32 – The battle for our obedience

#### Part 2: Living in covenant community

- 12:1-29 – Worship in God's chosen place according to God's stipulated ways.
- 13:1-18 – Danger of false worship and false prophets
- 14:1-21 – Distinctive worship
- 14:22-29; 15:19-23 – Generosity and giving
- 15:1-18 – Kindness to poor and to slaves
- 16:1-20 - Importance of religious festivals in worshipping God
- 16:21-18:22- Forbidden forms of worship and the importance of good leadership
- 19 – Protection for the vulnerable
- 20 – Rules for war
- 21-26 – Rules for an orderly and healthy society
  - 21:1-9 – Respect for life
  - 21:10-14 – Respect for women
  - 21:15-17 – Fairness in inheritance
  - 21:18-21 – Honouring parents
  - 22:1-12 – Restoring property, gender distinctions, protecting animals, building
  - 22:13-30 – High value of sex within marriage
  - 23:1-14 – Purity in the assembly
  - 23:15-24:22 – Generous justice – for slaves and for women and for poor & needy
  - 25:1-17 – Honesty and sensitivity
  - 26 – Biblical giving and generosity

#### Part 3:

- 27-28 – Curses for disobedience, blessings for obedience
- Blessings – 28:1-14 - A life of prosperity if you walk with God
- Curses – 28:15-68 – The Consequence of disobedience is a life marked by God's discipline!

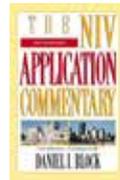
SECTION 3: Chapters 29-34: Look forward! Trust in YHWH as you enter into the land.

- 29 – Rededication to God: remember the past; be alert to wandering; renew your commitment to God
- 30:1-20 – The Path of Repentance: Remember the Lord; Return to the Lord; The Lord is merciful; The choice between life and death; blessings and curses
- 31:1-29 – Leadership succession: God’s mission doesn’t change, but the leader does. Be strong and courageous; trust in God’s Word; be alert for apostasy
- 31:30-32:47 – The Song of Moses: Remain faithful to God and return when unfaithful! God’s reliability and trustworthiness; his jealousy and commitment to his honour
- 32:48-33:25 – Blessing on all the people
- 33:25-29 – Outburst of praise
- 34:1-12 – Death of the great leader: a man of God and servant of the Lord

## Books & Video:



Christopher Wright:  
Deuteronomy: Understanding  
the Bible Commentary Series



Daniel Block: Deuteronomy,  
NIV Life Application  
Commentary



Ajith Fernando: Deuteronomy:  
Loving Obedience to a Loving  
God: Preach the Word Series



The Bible Project:  
'Deuteronomy'  
[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=q5QEH9bH8AU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5QEH9bH8AU)

# 5 steps to reading the Law.

- 1. Remember:**  
Context is your best friend. These laws were written for a different time and cultural setting from God to the Israelites. Don't be a chronological snob.
- 2. Question:**  
How does this law seek to love God and/or love ones neighbour? (Romans 13:8-10)
- 3. Ask:**  
What good is this law seeking to protect or promote or symbolise?
- 4. Reflect:**  
In light of Jesus we live under the new covenant law, what similarities and differences do you see from old testament laws to the new testament laws that we need to obey.
- 5. Pray:**  
Praise Jesus who is the fulfilment of the law by which we can be saved and his Spirit given to us to be obedient to God.

See, I set before you today life and prosperity,  
death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands,  
decrees and laws; then you will live and increase,  
and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

Sunday 25th April

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# Choose Remembrance

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 1-4

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Mon 26th	Young Adults meeting
Tue 27th	Alpha Course (week 2 of 10)
Thu 29th	Intern Partnership Evening
Sat 1st	Monthly Prayer Morning
Sun 2nd	Macquarie Park gathering commences Baptism Information Session Aged Care Visits

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

Deut 6:4-5 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 1  
Tuesday: Deut 2  
Wednesday: Deut 3  
Thursday: Deut 4:1-14  
Friday: Deut 4:15-49

## Notes:

# Connect Group Notes:

Sunday 2nd May

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# Choose Love

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 5-6

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Tue 4th	Alpha Course (week 3 of 10)
Wed 5th	Monthly Central Prayer Evening
Sun 9th	Greenway Outreach Visits

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

Deut 6:4-6 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 5:1-21  
Tuesday: Deut 5:22-33  
Wednesday: Deut 6:1-12  
Thursday: Deut 6:13-25  
Friday: Deut 7

## Notes:

Wednesday 5th May, 7:45pm at Kirribilli

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# Central Prayer week:

As it is Central Prayer Week, all evening Connect Groups take a break from meeting this week and have the opportunity to meet with members at different ages and stages of life and faith, and from all 9 of our congregations, as one church family - bringing our prayers of praise and petition before God and having our souls encouraged as we hear of how God has answered the prayers of the saints.

Morning Connect Groups are free to choose how they use their regular meeting time in this week.

Sunday 9th May

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# Choose Holiness

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 7-10

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Mon 10th	Men's Recharge
Tue 11th	Alpha Course (week 4 of 10)
Sun 16th	Ascension Sunday Aged Care Visits

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

Deut 6:4-7 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 8  
Tuesday: Deut 9:1-6  
Wednesday: Deut 9:7-29  
Thursday: Deut 10:1-11  
Friday: Deut 10:12-22

## Notes:

# Connect Group Notes:

Sunday 9th May

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# Choose Obedience

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapter 11

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Tue 18th	Alpha Course (week 5 of 10)
Sat 22nd	Women's Refuel Mini-Conference CE Away Day
Sun 23rd	Pentecost Sunday Greenway Outreach Visits

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

Deut 6:4-8 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 11:1-7

Tuesday: Deut 11:8-21

Wednesday: Deut 11:22-32

Thursday: Deut 12:1-19

Friday: Deut 12:20-32

## Notes:

# Connect Group Notes:

# Choose Worship

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 12-16

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Tue 25th	Alpha Course (week 6 of 10)
Sun 30th	Baptism Sunday
	Trinity Sunday
	Aged Care Visits
	Winter Appeal Collection Day

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

Deut 6:4-9 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 13

Tuesday: Deut 14:1-21

Wednesday: Deut 14:22-29

Thursday: Deut 15

Friday: Deut 16

## Notes:

# Connect Group Notes:

Sunday 30th May

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# Choose Generosity

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 12-26

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Mon 31st	Wellbeing & Care Seminar – Sexual Abuse & Assault
Tue 1st	Alpha Course (week 7 of 10)
Wed 2nd	Monthly Central Prayer Evening
Fri 4th-Sun 6th	Square One Kids Camp
Sat 5th	Monthly Prayer Morning
	Alpha Away Day
Sun 6th	Aged Care Visits
	Winter Appeal Collection Day

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

Deut 6:4-9 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 13

Tuesday: Deut 14:1-21

Wednesday: Deut 14:22-29

Thursday: Deut 15

Friday: Deut 16

## Notes:

Wed 2nd June, 7:45pm at Kirribilli & Sat 5th June, 7:45am at Neutral Bay

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Morning Connect Groups are free to choose how they use their regular meeting time in this week.

# Choose Justice

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 12-26

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Tue 8th	Alpha Course (week 8 of 10)
Sat 12th	Singles Conference
Sun 13th	Greenway Outreach Visits

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

30:15-16 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.<sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 22  
Tuesday: Deut 23  
Wednesday: Deut 24  
Thursday: Deut 25  
Friday: Deut 26

## Notes:

# Connect Group Notes:

Sunday 13th June

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# Choose Blessing

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 27-28

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Mon 14th	Young Adults meeting
Tue 15th	Alpha Course (week 9 of 10)
Sun 20th	Aged Care Visits

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

30:15-20 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.<sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 27

Tuesday: Deut 28:1-14

Wednesday: Deut 28:15-48

Thursday: Deut 28:49-68

Friday: Deut 29:1-15

## Notes:

# Connect Group Notes:

Sunday 20th June

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# Choose Life

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 29-30

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

w/c 21st	Final Playtime, Everyday English, Bay Kids and Ignite for Term 2
Mon 21st	Leaders Meeting
Tue 22nd	Alpha Course (week 10 of 10)
Sun 27th	Greenway Outreach Visits

# Personal reflections

## Memory verse:

30:15-18 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.<sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 29:16-29

Tuesday: Deut 30:1-10

Wednesday: Deut 30:11-20

Thursday: Deut 31:1-13

Friday: Deut 31:14-29

## Notes:

# Connect Group Notes:

Sunday 27th June

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# Choose God

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy Chapters 31-34

Sermon notes:

## What's on this week:

Sat 3rd

Monthly Prayer Morning

# Personal reflections

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## Bible Readings:

Monday: Deut 31:30-32:43

Tuesday: Deut 32:44-52

Wednesday: Deut 33:1-17

Thursday: Deut 33:18-29

Friday: Deut 34

## Notes:

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# Personal reflection

How has our series in Deuteronomy changed your view of:  
God - Father, Son & Spirit?

Yourself?

The world in which we live?

How has our series in Deuteronomy helped you in Loving  
Your Neighbour?

What is one area you have changed? (In your thinking or  
actions)

What is one question that you still have?

# Extra notes:

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