



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 2 - Stepping into the Ancient Conflict

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 1:6-2:1

In order for the new generation to take on the stewardship of being God's covenant people, Moses wants to give the context of this revelation of the Torah (law) and the character God has revealed himself to have. Moses reminds the Hebrews why the previous generation was not able to take on this mantle. The ancient conflict between God and the powers of evil is embodied in the children of Anakim who are all the descendants of the people who partnered with the fallen angels against God (Nephilim, etc). Even though God had proven himself against the gods of Egypt, the previous generation were unwilling to trust him. Just as the previous generation had a choice to partner with God in how that ancient conflict appeared in the children of Anakim, now this generation would have a choice with the present manifestations of these ancient enemies of God.

Read Stephen De Young's "[Giants on the Earth](#)" from *Religion of the Apostles*

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?