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Reflect "Review until" something pops to talk to God about

Talk with God & others about what is now on your heart to do

# Deuteronomy

# Session 7 - Word Two: Images

### 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 12**

Moses expounds on Word Two (5:8-10): "Do not make for yourself a graven image – no image of what is in the heavens above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them." While word one speaks to God being the sole divine authority in the heavens, word two speaks to how God operates and relates to his people on earth. While previous versions of Word Two focused on what "not to do," Moses takes time to unpack "how to worship" for this new generation that will need to remove idols from the land and establish rhythms of worship that reflect "the name" (or character) of God.

**Relationship** - What stands out to you about being in relationship with God and our stewardship as his covenant people? **Revelation** - What do you notice about the reality of God's world and ways? **Character** - What do you learn about God as holy, and how, as his covenant people, we are invited to be like him?

#### Read "Word 2: images" by John Walton

#### 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?