



**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 8 - Word Three: God's Name

#### 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 13:1-14:21

*Moses expounds on Word Three (5:11): "You must not take the Name of Adonai your God in vain, for Adonai will not leave unpunished anyone who takes His Name in vain." Moses recaps the essential need to worship God alone, and not to add any other gods, but he spends most of his time addressing how the people are to deal with violations of this reality as it is likely that relatives, neighbors and even groups will be led astray. Chapter 14 does not fit clearly into Word Three or Four, so may be summary thoughts reflecting on the resulting kind of life from living out Word One to Three.*

**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 3: God's name](#)" by John Walton; Optional: Listen to Fr. Josiah Trenham on "[The 3rd Commandment](#)."

#### 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?