



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 16 - Covenant Ratification

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 27

Moses transitions from expounding the stipulations of the covenant treaty through the 10 Words, to the close of his second address with a focus on a commitment to covenant faithfulness. Note the visibility and involvement of Joshua, the extended leadership and priests that would remain after Moses, as he is about to die and the covenant will be re-ratified. Upon the public reading and display of the stipulations of the covenant, the people were to make an informed decision as to their willingness and commitment to be faithful to it. Deuteronomy 27:11-26 would be a type of liturgy for public affirmation of the commitments of covenant faithfulness as God, the Hebrews, and the Promised Land were now all united. This first public ratification is focused on secret transgressions of the covenant only God would know about, and in breaking with ancient treaties it would not be the ruler who would curse them, but they had cursed themselves.

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?

Watch The Bible Projects video on "[Blessings & Curses](#)"

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?