

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 10:1-12**

We pick up our Journey where we left off, in the middle of the Golden Calf fiasco in the wilderness. This was the time Israel failed to remember who led them out of Egypt and within 40 days began to worship a golden calf that they made for themselves. God sends Moses back down and Moses in anger throws down the tablets with the 10 Commandments on them. This is where we start today. So, what happened next (vss. 1-5)? Verses 6-9 are sort of a travel journey to remind Israel where they had been and has been inserted here. It also deals with one other matter. What is that (vss. 8-9)? We pick up the story of Moses back up on the mountain with God. What happened while Moses was there (vss. 10-11)? Why do you think this is important for the Israelites to remember? What does it tell us about God and His mercy and fresh starts? What does it remind you of about yourself and our human ability to replace God so easily that we need God's mercy and fresh starts every day? And how does this point to our need for Jesus? How do you ask Jesus to intercede for you before the Father? What new start do you need? Are you ready to repent by turning back to God and changing? If so, take some time in prayer and tell God about it and receive the fresh start for today.

### **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Deuteronomy 10:12-22**

Yesterday, Moses completed his story about the golden calf incident with the instructions God had given him to start heading to the Promised Land. (This would have been the first attempt). Now that they are at the point of entering for real, Moses gives them a reminder of what is expected of them as they go forward. What is it that the Lord requires of them (vss. 12-13)? And why should they offer this to God (vss. 14-15, 17-18, and 21-22)? So, in response to this what is Israel to do (vss. 16 & 19-20)? What does this tell you about God and how He sees His creation? Since we are like Israel, what does this tell us about us in that we have to be instructed and repeatedly reminded? Did the Lord change his mind about what is required, or does that apply to us as well? How does this description point to Jesus? How did Jesus fulfill this text? Spend some time day praying over these verses asking the Holy Spirit to help you live into the revelation of who God is and how much you are loved. Then go and live out what God commands.

### **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Deuteronomy 11:1-7**

We move to Chapter 11 today and it starts right off with an instruction. What does Moses tell them to do (vs. 1)? Note to whom Moses is addressing these instructions (vs. 2)? Why to the 40-and-up group (vss. 3-6)? So, let's talk ages. It is these 40 year-olds-and-up group that are the children of those who came out of Egypt. They lived in the wilderness and are the group to enter into the Promised Land. Some may have been babies when they left Egypt. Some would have been born in the wilderness and saw what happened there. But their children would have no such memories of these things, just stories and testimonies of who God is and what God had done. These are the ones who will teach the following generation about these instructions and why they need to follow them from their own experience and witness. The good news is that the children will have ample opportunity to experience God and His ways for themselves once they enter into the Promised Land and begin to take over the land. As you think about this text and Moses' instructions, what does this tell you about God's work in every generation? What does it say about us and the importance of seeing God's work in our lives, so as to be Easter Loud about our experiences and witness to the younger generation? How does this point to Jesus and His revelation of who God is to us and to every generation? In prayer today, thank God for being so active in every generation and for using us to shape and guide those coming behind us. Ask for boldness so that you may add to the living legacy of the Kingdom of God.

### **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Deuteronomy 11:8-21**

As we move on to Chapter 11, Moses shares the benefits of obedience. Verse 8 starts with "therefore," which ties us to what has come before. Read verses 7-8 together so you will understand what is being said. Since they have seen what God can do, what does Moses call them to do (vs.8)? What will be the benefit of this obedience (8b-15)? But with this benefit comes a warning. What does Moses warn them (vss. 16-17) and how does it tie into verse 7? What follows is a prescription to help the Israelites not be deceived. What does Moses recommend the Israelites do to help them remember to be obedient (vss. 18-21)? What if we lived the Gospel story like that? Talked about it constantly? Tied it to our wrists? Marked it on our doorposts or refrigerators or bathroom mirrors? What if we said be Easter Loud and really lived our Easter life today with Jesus? How might things be different in your life? How would it help you to stay closer to God in every moment of every day? Do it. Just don't read about it – DO IT AND DO IT EASTER LOUD!!!! Amen.

### **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 11:22-31**

We close this week with the call to obedience again. Do you think Moses is concerned that they won't be obedient? How are the Israelites to show their love to God? What will happen if they are obedient to these instructions (vss. 22-25)? These are pretty powerful promises associated with obedience. What follows is a foretaste of what we will read in Chapters 27-29, that is, choosing between blessings and curses. What leads to the blessing offered to the Israelites (vs. 27)? What leads to the curse (vs. 28)? What are they to do when they enter the land regarding blessings and curses (vss. 29-30)? What do the location of these mountains have to do with blessings and curses (vss. 30-32)? How does cursing the mountain reinforce their need to be faithful to God alone? Consider today what this tells us about God. Is God a meanie Old Testament God waiting to punish and zap the Israelites if they mess up or is God telling them that things will not go well if they fall away from Him? Sometimes our poor choices (sins) lead to what feels like curses in our lives. What things in your life have you put on God's throne? Be honest with yourself? How is it working to have that "thing" or yourself on God's throne? What might be better if we just obeyed? Pray asking the Holy Spirit to help you become more attentive to whether you are choosing blessings or curses in your life.

### **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Deuteronomy 12:29-32.**