

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. 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, Feb. 18th – Deuteronomy 1:1-18

We continue our Journey Through the Bible as we move into the Book of Deuteronomy. As discussed on Sunday this book serves two purposes. First it is Moses farewell discourse to the Israelites. Secondly it is the final transfer of leadership to Joshua. There will be copious amounts of repeat, remind, remember – and also renew! So, let us begin with verses 1-5. These verses give us an historical and geographical context. Remember this is an oral tradition which was not written down for centuries. Verses 6-8 are prior to the first approach to the Promised Land. What is the promise that God gives them (vs. 8)? Verses 9-18 are a recap of how leadership had been extended from Moses to others with the various tribes. This ties us back to Exodus 18:13-27. Why was it important to spread the leadership responsibilities (vs. 12)? Consider how this still applies to us today. What were the requirements for these future leaders (vs. 13)? This is how leadership is chosen in our congregation. What are Moses' instructions to these leaders (vss. 16-17)? What does this remind you about who God is? What are we reminded about who we are? How does this tie to Jesus and to us, his church?

Tuesday, Feb. 19th – Deuteronomy 1:19-45

As we continue our repeat, remind, remember and renew today, we pick up the story with what happens when they finally leave Mount Sinai for the first time. What was the journey like and where did they end up (vss. 19-21)? Instead of just going in to take the land, what did they decide to do (vss. 22-25)? Whose idea was this (vs. 22)? What happened after they did this (vss. 26-32)? What was the main issue the Israelites had according to Moses (vss. 32-33)? How did Moses know it was a trust issue (vss. 29-31)? Remember, this is the original generation who saw the plagues, crossed the Red Sea and saw the Egyptian army drowned in the same sea. This is the group who met God on Mount Sinai, and decided it was too terrifying and so Moses should be their liaison. This refusal to enter angers God. What is God's final decision on this matter (vss. 34-40)? Do you remember why Moses is not entering the Promised Land (Num. 20:11-13)? When God said they would not enter, how did the people respond (vs. 41)? How did that work for them (vss. 42-45)? So, what happened (vs. 46)? What does this reveal to you about God and His faithfulness to His word? What does this reveal to you about us humans? Spend some time today thinking about where God has told you, "No," and yet, you keep trying for it anyway. How might our lives be easier if we accepted the "no" and waited on God? (Notice that God does say "No.")

Wednesday, Feb. 20th – Deuteronomy 2:1-25

Today we begin the recap of the 40 years in the wilderness (vs. 1)? As we move to verse 2, what are the instructions (vss. 2-3)? As they head north who will they encounter and what are God's instructions and why (vss. 4-8a)? As they continue to move who else will they encounter and what are God's instructions and why (vss. 8b-9)? Verses 10-12 seem a bit strange, but if we recall from Numbers, the Israelites were afraid of the "giants" in the Promised Land. We learn from these verses that there was no need to be afraid, for Moab had defeated them. Moab is an example of courage to Israel. How much time has passed and what has happened (vss. 14-16)? What are God's instructions (vss. 17-23)? Notice that verses 20-23 serve the same purpose as verses 10-12. Who are the Israelites to go to war against (vs. 24)? And what is God going to do for the Israelites from this point forward (vs. 25)? What do verses 10-12 and 20-23 reveal to us about God? About ourselves and our own insecurities? Where might you be letting fear stop you from having all that God wants to provide you?

Thursday, Feb. 21st – Deuteronomy 2:26-37

We finish chapter 2 with the war against King Sihon of Heshbon. But it doesn't start with war. As the Israelites move towards Heshbon, what message does Moses send King Sihon (vss. 26-29)? How does King Sihon respond to the request and why (vs. 30)? So, what does God tell Moses to do (vs. 31)? Again, how does King Sihon respond and what was the result (vss. 32-35)? To whom does Moses give credit for the victory (vs. 36)? What is Israel careful about doing during the heat of battle (vs. 37)? What does this tell you about God? Can humans thwart God's plans? What does this reveal about humanity, even when under the pressures of war? What is your take-away today on this short passage of text that the Holy Spirit will use to transform another part of your life? Maybe it is the knowledge that we can be obedient even when under duress. Maybe it is that we need to fear when we follow God's marching orders and we need to start doing that today. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you and I promise He will.

Friday, Feb. 22nd – Deuteronomy 3

We start off today with another command to conquer. Who is the first to be conquered today (vss. 1-10)? What does the writer tell us about this King Og (vs. 11)? Why do you think it is important to know this? After conquering the land, what happens to it (vss. 12-17)? What are the instructions that Moses gives to these tribes (vss. 18-20)? Remember back in Numbers that there was a public commitment to this compromise. It seems as though everything has accurately recapped and Israel is now poised to enter the Promised Land. But one more thing must happen. What is it (vss. 21-22)? Moses demonstrates his humanity with what comes next. What does he ask of God (vss. 23-25)? How does God respond (vss. 26-27)? Most of us would have taken that shot. Before Moses goes up Pisgah Peak, what is he to do and why (vs. 28)? Where do they stay until these things are accomplished (vs. 29)? These have truly been three chapters of repeat, remind, and remember. Starting next week, we will add in "renew" as well. In recapping Israel's story this week, what revelations about God were you reminded of? What about humanity? How do these things point to Jesus and our need for a savior? Why do you think we need so much repeat, remind and remember? How much did you tell yourself during these three chapters, "Oh yeah, I remember that."? Spend some time in prayer throughout the day thanking God for His Holy Word and for Jesus.

Saturday, Feb. 23rd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Deuteronomy 6:20-25.