

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. 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, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 29:2-13**

This week we will read through Moses' third speech. It starts off with a time of remembrance. What is he recapping for Israel (vss. 2-8)? Because of these things, what is about to happen (vss. 9-13)? Notice that the covenant is entered into by everyone. Read these verses again and make note of whom God is making the covenant with and with whom is he establishing as His people? Is anyone left out of this covenant-making process? Consider for a moment today that even the "foreigners" among them, the slaves so to speak, will also be included as God's people? What does that reveal to you about God's plans to include all creation from the beginning into His salvation plan? Is this a forced covenant or is this a covenant entered into freely by Israel? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity, including yourself? How does this point to Jesus and His mission? Spend time in prayer today, recommitting yourself to God through your baptismal covenant. We too are in covenant to die to self and to live each day resurrected in Christ. Come Holy Spirit, make this happen in us anew, beginning today.

### **Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 29:14-29**

Yesterday we read about Israel entering into covenant with God. As we continue today, who else is going to be incorporated into this covenant (vss. 14-15)? This is how Israel is still in covenant with God today. As you read verses 16-18, why is God making this covenant with Israel before they enter the Promised Land? What does God seem to know and understand that Israel does not? What will happen if they fail to live into the covenant (vss. 19-21)? How bad will it be and how will we know that covenant was broken with God (vss. 22-27)? How will the covenant be broken (vs. 26)? What is required to maintain the covenant with God (vs. 29)? Will you be held accountable for things God has not instructed? How seriously do you think God takes idolatry? Do you think it matters still today or is this just an Old Testament threat? What do you love more than Jesus? What do you worship more than God? If you want to know, look at how you spend your time and where your thoughts are at? How much time do you spend in prayer/study/worship compared to time spent in the world? This reveals much about God, ourselves, and our need for Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Seriously consider how you spend your day the next few days and consider what changes need to be made. Then make them.

### **Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 30**

As we move forward in Moses' third speech, what group is Moses speaking about (vs. 1)? How will we know when the future has arrived (vs. 1b)? This tells us that Israel will break covenant with God and there will be consequences, doesn't it? But God offers hope in light of the brokenness. What hope does God share (vss. 2-8)? What two things will need to happen and who will accomplish them (vss. 6 & 8)? When these changes take place, what will happen (vss. 9-10)? Keep in mind that this is what the Lord will do, even though Israel breaks His commands and suffers the consequences. It does not end their relationship with God. As we move forward, what does Moses say about remembering and obeying these commands (vss. 9-14)? We would sum this up by saying "this is not rocket science or brain surgery!" How close are these commands (vs. 14)? At this point, the choice is now presented to Israel. What metaphor does Moses use to emphasize the weight and importance of this covenant (vss. 15 and 19)? How does one choose life (vss. 16 and 20)? How does one choose death (vs. 17-18)? What does God want you to choose? How does this point to free will and love being a choice, not a feeling? How do you know Jesus chose love? Would your neighbors and people you meet on the street see your choices as loving God and others? What might need to change in your life, in order to be free to love God more? This ends Moses' third speech.

### **Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 31:1-13**

Today we begin reading the end of Moses' story. How do we know that (vss. 1-7)? How old is Moses? And yet he is still working. When you all hit 120 years old, I will let you retire from ministry! What are the words of encouragement given to Joshua (vss. 7-8)? Consider the experiences of Moses in the wilderness. Why are these words important to give to Joshua? What was the last thing Moses does to help Israel remember the commands of the Lord (vs. 9)? What command does Moses remind Israel of next (vss. 10-12)? Why are they to do this (vs. 13)? How will the following generations know if we do not at least read and share the Word of God with them? They may not choose to follow it, but they at least will be exposed to who God reveals himself to be before the world. What do these verses reveal to you about God? What do they reveal about humanity (including yourself)? How do they point to Jesus and His being the living Word?

### **Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 31:14-29**

Today we will read about Joshua's commissioning as the new leader, as well as revelation by God about the future choices of Israel. Let's start with verses 14-15. What happens and how does God appear? Before the commission, God wants to share with Moses before he dies what will happen with the future generations of Israel. What is going to happen (vss. 16-18)? If you were Moses, how would you feel about this not-so-good news? Would you be surprised? If not, why not? What does God tell Moses to do and why (vs. 19)? How will this song fulfill its purpose (vss. 20-21)? What does Moses do (vs. 22)? When this is accomplished, what happens next (vs. 23)? Notice that God says the same thing that Moses said yesterday! Once the Book of Deuteronomy was completed, what did Moses command (vss. 24-29)? Based on what Moses says about the people of Israel, how much will Joshua need to heed the words to "be strong and courageous" and to rely on God being with him. What does this tell you about God and what God knows? What does this tell you about humanity? Have we changed much from having stubborn hearts? Why do we need Jesus and how does Jesus show us what loving obedience looks like? *This will be the last Daily Bible Study for a couple of weeks. Maybe spend this time in prayer asking God to draw closer to you and help you change for His glory's sake.*

### **Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Psalm 149.**