

## The Old Testament – Questions to Consider

Week 15: Deuteronomy 16-30

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you were the leader of your country and could make one permanent change, what would you do?

1. Deuteronomy literally means, “the second law”, as Moses repeats the previous laws already told to the first generation (plus adds a few more). Parents often want their kids to learn from their mistakes, and this plays out in Deuteronomy. What lessons would you want your kids to learn so that they do not repeat the mistakes you made while growing up?
2. Deuteronomy 16-18 highlights some of the leadership structures for Israel in elders, priests, judges, and kings. Why do you think a structure of leadership is important within a nation? A company? A church? A family? What are the challenges of leadership? What do you think makes for godly leadership in any of these settings?
3. In Deuteronomy 18:15-22 we hear of God’s promise to send a prophet like Moses and we see that fulfilled in Jesus (Acts 3:22–24; Acts 7:37). Why do you think God makes so many prophecies about Jesus across the Old Testament? How does that encourage your faith? This ending of Deuteronomy 18 also warns of false prophets and says they can be identified by their false predictions. Why does God give so many warnings of false prophets? How have you seen false prophets in the world today? What are some other ways to recognize them?
  - See also: [www.trustworthyword.com/what-does-the-bible-say-about-false-teachers](http://www.trustworthyword.com/what-does-the-bible-say-about-false-teachers)
4. While some of these laws make not make sense to us today (but compared to the contemporary culture of that day, they are amazing!), there are ways that their wisdom can have modern-day application. Consider how Paul uses Deuteronomy 25:4 in 1 Corinthians 9:9 (“You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain”) to explain that spiritual leaders may sometimes need physical/financial support for their spiritual work. Can you think of other modern-day applications (marriage, family, financial, business, governmental, etc.) from the principles behind any laws you have seen in Deuteronomy 19-26?

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**This Next Week's Old Testament Reading Plan:**

- Week 16: Deuteronomy 31-34 ~ Joshua 1-1
- **Read the Old Testament w/Us:** [www.southfork.church/2024](http://www.southfork.church/2024)
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
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