The Old Testament - Questions to Consider

Week 14: Deuteronomy 1-15 **Small Group Warm Up Question:**

Which abilities do you fear losing as you age (memory, walking, health, independence, etc.)?

- 1. What temptations do you think Moses faced in speaking to the Israelites? (Deuteronomy 1:3) What temptations do you face when speaking to others about the Bible (God's commandments)? What parts of the Bible are easy to share? What parts of the Bible are harder to share? What are evidences of a good pastor preaching the "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27)?
- 2. Deuteronomy is how God communicates his final words to Israel. He repeats some of the history and commands of God as well as sharing new commands. If you had a short time left on earth to write down, video record, or speak out your final words, what would you say? Why?
- 3. While God forgives our sins through Jesus, often we suffer the consequences of our sins. Deuteronomy 3:23-29 recounts that Moses again asks God to allow him to enter the Promised Land. God's response is described as "angry" and He says "Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again." Can you think of a time in your life when you may have made God angry with your behavior or requests?
- 4. Deuteronomy 4:2 says "You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you." Can you name an example of where you see people "adding" to the commandments of the Lord today? How is having our own opinions about God and Christianity a serious form of "adding" to God's Word? What are ways in which we might be tempted to "take" away commandments of the Lord? How do you see that playing out today?
- 5. What does it look like to "keep your soul diligently" (Deuteronomy 4:9)? Why is it important?
- 6. What are some of the best ways you have found to make God's truths known "known to your children and your children's children"? (Deuteronomy 4:9) Read Deuteronomy 6:7-9. How does this help us to think about keeping God's Word a priority in our lives and for the sake of the next generation? What challenges do you see ahead for your kids and grandkids?

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www.TrustworthyWord.com www.Bible.video

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This Next Week's Old Testament Reading Plan:

Week 15: Deuteronomy 16-30

- Read the Old Testament w/Us: www.southfork.church/2024
- Hope & Purpose in Jesus: www.southfork.church/jesus
- Daily Verse by Text Message: remind.com/join/sfbcdevo

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