



# Community Group Discussion Guide

## Sunday, February 28, 2016

### CALL TO REPENTANCE: Deuteronomy

1. Think back over the last few days and consider all the choices you had to make. List 3-5 of the “biggies” that come to mind. Feel free to share how you responded if you’d like.
2. Why is the way we respond to choices (think especially about moral choices) so important?
3. One of the themes in Deuteronomy is *choice* - we see that God’s people are to *choose* to live a certain way as they enter the Promised Land. Read the sample passages from Deuteronomy that are listed below, and - in your own words - state some of the choices the people need to make:
  - Deuteronomy 4:1-9
  - Deuteronomy 4:32-40
  - Deuteronomy 6:1-9
4. We also know from the Bible that all of humanity is sinful and we don’t always choose well (just think about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden!) How does the reality of sin, and what sin is, impact how we think about making choices?
5. Read Romans 7:14-8:4. Here we see the Apostle Paul struggling with ongoing sin in his own life, and how he feels about some of the sinful choices he’s made.
  - What words and phrases from this passage show the struggle Paul is facing? (See 7:14-24)
  - What is Paul’s hope and confidence in all of this? (See 7:25; 8:1-4)
6. An important biblical word is “repentance” - which basically means turning *away* from one thing and turning *towards* something else. Why is repentance so important in making godly choices? What do we turn *from* in this sort of repentance? What do we turn *towards* as Christians?
7. Let’s get practical: What is one choice you’re facing right now, and what does a godly response to that choice look like? If you don’t know what a godly response looks like, seek the counsel of those in your group to help you think about things wisely.
8. For everyone tracking along with the 365 Reading Plan, we’re now at the end of the Torah - the first five books of the Old Testament! Good job! Spend some time summarizing “big take-aways” thus far. These could be things you’ve learned about God, lessons you’ve learned that you need to apply to your life, etc.