

Growth Group Guide.

Deuteronomy 4-6

Read 4:32-40

Here is not only a snapshot of Israel's recent history but a history of God's desire to be in relationship with man from the beginning of time.

What response does God desire from his people?

Why, what purpose does he want this response?

Have a look at 4:1, 5:1 and 6:3-5.

What word or words do you notice repeat?

Shema is the Hebrew word used for listen or hear in these verses. It occurs 18x in 4:1-6:4.

What does it mean to Shema?

Check out this 3 minute video for a bit of an idea.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=6KQLOulKaRA&feature=emb_logo

Who benefits from the Israelites hearing/listening to God?

Have a look at 4:5-8 and 6:1-6.

Read 6:1-9 (especially 6:4-5). Break down what God is calling them to do.

Deuteronomy is spoken for the second generation but is also relevant to every God follower afterwards

"Deuteronomy confronts every serious reader with a moment of existential decision, the choice of whether to accept or reject its claim over one's life. This moment of decision is always "today," always on the threshold of new possibilities for richer life. The threat of impending curse means that one dare not postpone this decision." (Nelson)¹

Reflect how you measure up to keeping these verses.

The Israelites failed in the past and will fail in the future (Check out 4:25-31) and so do we. We need a better mediator than Moses (5:23-29).

To finish read Hebrews 9:15 or all of 9:11-28 if you have time and spend time praying to God in response to this.

¹*Deuteronomy*, 11-12.