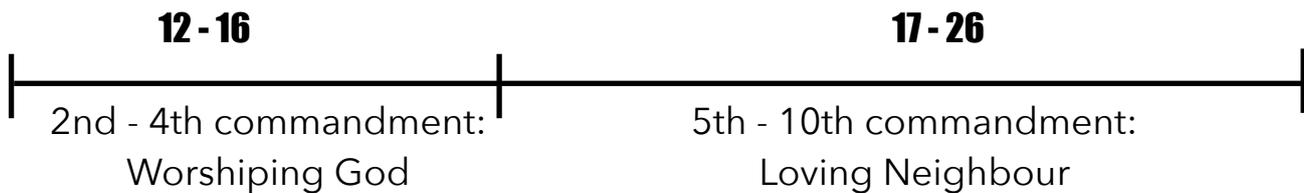


Deuteronomy 12 - 16:

After establishing God as the one the Israelites are to listen, love and revere above all else (as the first commandment says) in chapters 6-11. Moses now shares how living Gods way in the land, in Gods presence, ought to take place. Scholars suggest that Moses uses the 10 words (AKA the 10 commandments) to base this next section on.

Just like the 10 words can be divided into how we worship God (1-4) and how we love our neighbour (5-10) Deuteronomy 12-16 and 17-26 can be broken up as an explanation of these 'words'.

Deuteronomy 12-26



So How are the Israelites called to worship God?

Read **Deut 12:1-7**

What are the Israelites to do with the 'gods' who are in the land already?

What are they to do instead?

Why do you think the place is so important?

Read 12:7 again as well as 12:12 and 12:18.

What is repeated and what is the significance of this?

Chapter 13 speaks about different people suggesting worshipping a different God. Look at 13:1-2, 13:6-7 and 13:12-13.

What do you think about what they are to do with these people (13:5, 8-11, 15-16)?

Chapter 14.

Could Covid have been avoided if Chinese people had read 14:18?

Why do you think the Israelites are called to; avoid cutting their hair or themselves when someone dies (14:1-2) or avoid eating certain animals (14:3-21)?

In chapter 14-16 the Israelites are called to give tithes, cancel debts, free servants, give the unblemished firstborn to God, remember passover and hold other feasts. What do you think these have to do with Sabbath?

The Israelites are called to worship a specific person (God) in a specific place (where he says) with a distinct practice (following his decrees).

How are we called to worship God today in light of Jesus and what he has done?