



Fully Committed

Session 12 • Deuteronomy 30:11-20



ENGAGE

PREPARE: Make copies of **Pack Item 8** (Handout: *Praying Scripture in Numbers, Deuteronomy*) and **Pack Item 13** (Handout: *Moses's Final Appeal*). Review the Plan of Salvation on the inside front cover.

READ: Direct adults to read the opening paragraph (p. 101).

ASK: In what situation have you had so many options that it was overwhelming to pick only one? How did you eventually decide? (p. 101)

DISCUSS: Encourage the group to share situations where making a single choice is vital. Note that some choices are fairly mundane, while others could spell the difference between life and death.

OVERVIEW: Summarize the following from page 101 to set the context for this week's passage.

- For forty years, Moses had been leading God's people from Egypt across the Sinai Peninsula. He and the Israelites were now east of the Jordan River. . . . He had spent his first forty years in Egypt, his second tending to his father-in-law's flocks, and his final forty leading the

exodus. God's people were standing on the threshold of the promised land. Moses would only be able to view it from a distance.

TRANSITION: *This week's passage would be Moses's last formal message to Israel. It was not for a select few but applied to everyone. As we work through these verses, think about the choices you make—and how you can demonstrate wholehearted commitment to God each day.*

EXPLORE THE TEXT

SUMMARIZE: Distribute copies of **Pack Item 13** (Handout: *Moses's Final Appeal*). Briefly overview the article and encourage adults to use it for additional personal study of the Scripture passage.

READ: Invite a volunteer to read **Deuteronomy 30:11-14** while adults listen for how Moses described God's covenant. Share that Moses was calling Israel to obey God wholeheartedly.

SHARE: Remind adults again that Israel's forty-year journey through the wilderness was moving toward its completion. Note that they could see the promised land in the distance, and it provided a powerful backdrop for Moses's final words.

SAY: *As they looked toward their new home, the people of God would remember His faithfulness and anticipate the fulfillment of the promises God made to Abraham centuries earlier.*

HIGHLIGHT: Use the following information from page 105 to explain the nearness of the covenant:

- Rather than being remote and unattainable, God’s message was near. Significantly, the Hebrew word translated “message” in verse 14 is singular. This underscores the unity of God’s instruction to His people. God has not left us an incoherent rambling of disconnected thoughts and teachings. He has given a unified single message to His people.

DISCUSS: Lead adults to share what they believe having God’s message in their mouths and hearts means—and how that could help believers follow Him more closely.

ASK: **How can you respond to people who say it is too difficult to know God’s will or to obey His commands?** (p. 103)

TRANSITION: *After emphasizing the availability of God’s covenant to His people, Moses turned his attention to their responsibility before God. Once they entered the promised land, the people would have a choice to make—trust God or go their own way. They needed to understand that each option would produce a unique outcome.*

RESEARCH: Guide adults to work in pairs and provide each pair with paper and pencils. Direct one person in each pair to read

and write a paraphrase for Deuteronomy 30:15-16, while the other person does the same for Deuteronomy 30:17-18. Suggest adults use content from pages 105-106 to assist them. Encourage adults to share with one another what they found.

DISCUSS: Invite volunteers to share their paraphrases. Guide adults to provide additional clarification they may have discovered during their research. Summarize this content to emphasize the seriousness of Moses’s warnings:

- **(30:17)** Verse 17 contains a progression of action. The expression “if your heart turns away” describes the people abandoning their commitment to the Lord. When that happened, the people would no longer “listen” to His words. Once they abandoned God’s righteous standards, they could easily be “led astray” into sin. They would give in to the temptation to “bow in worship to other gods and serve them” in the land of Canaan. The book of Judges records how this happened (Judg. 2:10-23).

ASK: **How are people today fooled into thinking there is no penalty for sin?** (p. 103)

READ: **Invite a volunteer to read Deuteronomy 30:19-20** while adults listen for the choice Moses put before the Israelites and how he challenged them to choose life.

EXPLAIN: Emphasize the challenge that Moses put before the Israelites. Mention the witnesses he called, as well as the urgency of the decision he presented. Point out that Moses made a strong appeal for the

people to choose life so that they and their descendants would live in the land God was giving them.

ASK: What does it mean for you to say God “is your life”? In this context, what does it mean for you to “choose life”? (p. 103)

- Moses explained why the people should love God so deeply: “he is your life.” Their relationship with God was more than their most important relationship in life; it was life itself! Everything would flow from that core relationship. It still does for God’s people.

PRESENT: Explain that individuals still have a choice. Share the Plan of Salvation from the inside front cover and urge those who have not followed Jesus to make that choice today.

CHALLENGE

SUMMARIZE: Review the following points from this week’s Bible passage:

- We can trust God to give us the ability to obey His commands.
- People must choose whether they will follow God or not.
- Our desire to follow God influences our descendants’ choices to follow Him.

REFLECT: Guide adults to select one statement that is most relevant for their lives. Ask: **Why did you choose that statement?**

DISCUSS: Direct adults to read the **Apply the Text** questions on page 103. Challenge them to consider ways they can get to know

God better through His Word. Lead them to list some ideas in teams of two or three. After a few minutes, allow the teams to share their ideas and record them on the board. Encourage adults to adopt one idea from the list this week.

PRAY: Encourage adults to spend a few minutes praying Deuteronomy 30:19 using the prayer prompts in the **Explore the Bible Prayer Guide** (QR code on page 15). After a few minutes, encourage adults to identify silently one person they know who needs to choose life in Jesus. Invite a volunteer to close the session praying that each adult will get a chance to share the gospel with their person this week.

AFTER THE SESSION

To follow up on this session, send the group an email or text with an encouragement to continue living faithful lives that draw them closer to the Lord. Remind them to be praying for an opportunity to share the gospel with people who still need to follow Jesus. Reach out to any adults who professed faith in Jesus for the first time as a result of presenting the Plan of Salvation.