GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **NOVEMBER 8**

Deuteronomy: God Puts Our Love to the Test

Deuteronomy 7:17-26 | Test of Losing Heart

Icebreakers!

1. What are you afraid of? Spiders, heights, public speaking ...
2. What's an event you were afraid of that you hope you won't have to go through again?

Growing Together

3. **Study Deuteronomy 7:17-26 on the next page.** What links the purple phrases, green phrases, and red phrases? What are the people to do (in bold)?
4. What makes people afraid to face their own sin? How does the prospect of fighting our own sin inspire fear in us?
5. Why do we feel too weak to fight the sins that have settled in us?
6. *For believers who have walked with the Lord for a while:* Would you share an area of sin that you've wrestled with over several years? How can wrestling with sin, long-term, feel discouraging?
7. How do we know that God is both *present* with us right now and *powerful* in our fight against sin?
8. **Read Hebrews 2:10-18.** How has God promised to go before us in our fight against sin?
9. What "souvenirs" of sin do we covet, like the silver and gold of the carved images, tempting us to hold onto them?
10. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

This week, we encourage men to ask these questions separately with men, and women with women.

11. What fears do you have in wrestling against sin? *Once someone shares, let a volunteer pray for that person before moving on to another sharer.*
12. The next time that fear rises up in you, how will you take courage from God's past, future, and present power going before you?

Deuteronomy 7:17-26

"If you say in your heart,
'*These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?*'
you shall not be afraid of them
but you shall remember
what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt,
the great trials that your eyes saw,
the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm,
by which **the LORD your God brought you out**.
So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

Moreover, *the LORD your God will send hornets among them,*
until those who are left and hide themselves from you are ~~destroyed~~.
You shall not be in dread of them,
for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God.
The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little.
You may not make an end of them at once,
lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you.
But *the LORD your God will give them over to you*
and throw them into great confusion,
until they are ~~destroyed~~.
And *he will give their kings into your hand*,
and **you shall make their name perish from under heaven**.
No one shall be able to stand against you until you have ~~destroyed~~ them.

The carved images of their gods **you shall burn with fire**.
You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them
or take it for yourselves,
lest you be ensnared by it,
for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.
And **you shall not bring** an abominable thing into your house
and become devoted to destruction like it.
You shall utterly detest and abhor it,
for it is devoted to destruction.