

Small Group Questions
Week of 1/6: From Abraham to Joshua

Icebreaker

As you think about the new year, respond to one or more of the following questions:

- What is one thing you're looking forward to in the new year?
- What is one promise you are hoping God will fulfill in 2019?
- What is one promise that you've made to yourself?

Understanding God's Word in the Old Testament

Read Deuteronomy 34 and respond to the following.

1. What stands out to you in the text? What questions does the passage raise? What does it make you think about?
2. What does God promise to Moses? How does that promise fit into the larger context of the story of the people of Israel?
3. Who will succeed Moses as the leader of the people of Israel? What stands out to you about the way power is to be transferred?
4. How does the writer evaluate the life of Moses?
5. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. What does the passage teach us about the nature of God?

Gospel Application

Read Ephesians 1:1-14. How are God's promises to Moses fulfilled in Christ?

Processing and Applying God's Word

As you reflect on God's promises to the people of Israel, God's description of himself to the prophet Isaiah, and God's fulfillment of his promises through Christ, consider the following questions.

- What present circumstances or relationships cause you the most fear or worry?
- How might God's word challenge, convict, or comfort you?

Personal Prayer and Reflection

Consider making the following prayer from Tim Keller your prayer for the new year.

Lord,

I worry because I forget your wisdom.

I resent because I forget your mercy.

I covet because I forget your beauty.

I sin because I forget your holiness.

I fear because I forget your sovereignty.

You always remember me. Help me to remember you.

Amen.