



Preparing for the Promised Land

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Sermon Discussion Guide

This message looks at some of the preparations the Hebrew people needed to make in order to enter the Promised Land. Moses gave them very extensive and detailed instructions along with a history lesson and refresher course of the commands God had given them. Moses did this in order to help them understand the things that would be required for a successful transition to the Promised Land. There are four main points to this message with each point divided up into sub-points for clarity. It should become evident how each point relates to our present day lives. There are selected verses from chapters 1, 4, 5 and 6. Chapter 5 is not in the reading plan, but only three verses are used from this chapter. The four points are as follows:

1. Preparation for the Promised Land required learning from the past!
2. Preparing for the Promised Land required the people to understand “whose we are makes us who we are!”
3. Preparation for the Promised Land required an awareness of vulnerabilities!
4. Preparation for the Promised Land required the people remember their part of the covenant agreement!

HIGHLIGHT

- **Read the Text** - Deuteronomy 1:24-33, 4:5-8, 4:35-39, 4:23-31, 4:40, 5:27-29, 6:1-9.
- Ask for someone to read the text aloud. Or you read the text aloud.
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

EXPLAIN

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

APPLY

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?