

A Right View of God

Leader companion | Week Four | Deuteronomy 4:15–40

15 min Share life	10 min Read	35 min Study	10 min Back to Jesus	15 min Pray	85 min Total
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THE SERMON IN ONE BREATH

The antidote to idolatry is a right view of God. Moses makes three appeals: be on guard against drift (4:15–24), return when you wander (4:25–31), and obey him only, because there is no one like him (4:32–40). The sermon's illustrations: a swimmer carried by a current without noticing, the familiar gods of Egypt and Canaan, and the father running to the prodigal son.

WHERE THE OBSERVATION QUESTIONS ARE HEADING

- **Question 6, verses 15–24.** Because they saw no form at Horeb, only heard a voice. God cannot be carved, managed, or made small enough to hold.
- **Question 9, verses 25–31.** From the far country they will search for God and find him. And God will not leave them, destroy them, or forget his covenant, because he is compassionate.
- **Question 12, verses 32–40.** That the LORD is God and there is no other. Verse 35 and verse 39 say it twice, so the group cannot miss it.

IF SOMEONE ASKS WHY GOD IS JEALOUS

Someone in your group may ask why God calls himself jealous, or a consuming fire, in verse 24. Keep it brief and keep it at the level of the sermon. This is not the pettiness of a rival. It is the jealousy of a devoted spouse who rightly wants an undivided heart, and the fire is the seriousness of a love that will not share. If the conversation runs long, offer to talk more after the meeting and move on.

ONE FACILITATION TIP

Question 9 asks people to picture God's face when they have wandered. Answers will vary, and some will be painful. Do not correct anyone's picture in the moment. Let it stand, and let Back to Jesus do the correcting when you get there.

IF YOU ONLY HAVE 45 MINUTES, AND AFTER THE MEETING

Keep Share life question 3, one reading of the passage, questions 8, 11, 14, 15, the application panel, and prayer. Those are the dotted questions in the member guide. Afterward, scan the QR code on the back page of the member guide and answer two quick questions.