

Full Hands, Empty Memory

Leader companion | Week Eight | Deuteronomy 6:10–25

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 most dangerous season is the one where everything works, because abundance erases memory. Three sentences: you did not build this life (6:10–11), do not forget this God (6:12–19), and keep telling this story (6:20–25). The sermon's illustrations: a full stomach as the real threat, gratitude that traces every good thing to its source, and a child's question answered with a rescue story instead of a rule.

WHERE THE OBSERVATION QUESTIONS ARE HEADING

- **Question 6, verses 10–11.** Cities they did not build, houses they did not fill, cisterns they did not dig, vineyards and olive groves they did not plant. And the promise behind it reaches back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- **Question 9, verses 12–19.** Be careful not to forget the LORD who brought them out of slavery. Fear him, worship him, follow no other gods, because he is jealous and he is among you.
- **Question 12, verses 20–25.** What is the meaning of these commands? The answer begins with we were slaves, not with a defense of the rules.

IF SOMEONE ASKS ABOUT VERSE 15

Someone in your group may ask about verse 15, where God says he will wipe Israel off the face of the earth. Keep it brief and keep it at the level of the sermon. This is the language of a jealous love that will not share, spoken to a people about to be surrounded by other gods, and the same chapter says this God is among you. Judgment and nearness sit in the same verse. If the conversation runs long, offer to talk more after the meeting and move on.

ONE FACILITATION TIP

Question 7 asks for a quick list out loud, and it is the best two minutes in this guide. Do it fast and let it pile up, health, a job, a country, a friend, a bed. The application question that follows lands harder once the list is in the room.

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.