Worship that Remembers and Rejoices

Deuteronomy: Choose Life | Week Seventeen | Deuteronomy 16:1-17 | November 1, 2026

THE SERMON IN A BREATH

God built three festivals into Israel's year because he knew how quickly his people forget. Passover looked back at the rescue, the Festival of Weeks looked around at his daily provision, and the Festival of Shelters looked ahead to joy he will complete. Jesus is our Passover Lamb. We did not break our own chains, and we do not have to carry ourselves now.

WHERE THE QUESTIONS ARE HEADING

Share life (1-3)	Get people talking and follow up on last week's step. Keep it light and personal.
First impressions (4-5)	Let the text speak before anyone explains it. Listen for remember and rejoice.
Passover (6-7)	Freedom was a gift. Watch for the quiet belief that we earned what we have.
Weeks (8-9)	Provision before accomplishment. Keep question 9 honest without turning it into a giving pitch.
Shelters (10-11)	Joy that includes everyone. Push question 11 toward a real name or next step.
Back to Jesus (12)	Land on the table. We could not save ourselves then, and we do not have to now.

TIME BUDGET

Share life	15 min
Setting the scene	5 min
Read the Word together	10 min
Study the scripture	35 min
Back to Jesus	10 min
Application and prayer	10 min
Total	**85 min**

LEADER NOTE

If time is short, keep questions 6, 9, 11, and 12. Some people in your group may carry hard memories of past seasons. Remembering in this passage is for gratitude, not shame, so let people share at their own pace.

Memory verse: *Remember that you were a slave in Egypt; carefully follow these statutes. (Deuteronomy 16:12)*