Worship that Listens

Deuteronomy: Choose Life | Week Twenty | Deuteronomy 18:9-22

THE SERMON IN A BREATH

The nations tried to control the future through divination and sacrifice. God called Israel to be wholehearted, promised them a prophet like Moses as his gracious answer to their fear at Horeb, and taught them to test anyone who claims to speak in his name. Jesus is that Prophet and more, the Word who stood in the fire for us.

01 WHERE THE QUESTIONS ARE HEADING

Share Life (1-3) Warm up and check in on last week's step. Keep it moving.

First impressions (4-5) Let people notice before anyone explains. The list in verses 10-11 usually raises questions.

Resist the voices that split us (6-7) Name the fear underneath before naming the practice. Question 7 is where it gets personal.

Receive the word God gives (8-9) Horeb is the hinge. God answered fear with a mediator, not a rebuke.

Test the voices that claim his name (10-11) Some in the room carry church hurt. Listen well before moving on.

Back to Jesus (12) Land here on grace. Jesus is the Word, and he walked into the fire for us.

02 TIME BUDGET, ABOUT 85 MINUTES

Share Life **15 min** | Setting the scene and reading **10 min** | First impressions **10 min** | Study the Scripture **30 min** | Back to Jesus and application **10 min** | Pray together **10 min**

03 WATCH FOR

Many in our church grew up with parents or grandparents who consulted astrologers, chose auspicious dates, honored ancestors, or used charms against the evil eye. Keep the tone respectful, never mocking, and remember those practices usually came from love and fear for the family. Also watch for anyone who has been hurt by a leader who used "God told me" to control them. Verse 22, "Do not be afraid of him," may be the line they most need to hear.