



Week of May 12

Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 14; 32:44-47; Joshua 1:1-10¹

Overview

Change is inevitable. We have assignments for a time, but then something shifts. Time passes, people move on, and we face a transition. Sometimes these transitions are welcome. Other times they are forced upon us through unexpected circumstances or the decisions of others. At the end of Deuteronomy, the people of Israel faced an unwelcome transition. Due to his own actions, Moses was not allowed to lead the people into the Promised Land. Moses knew his time on Earth was short, and he had to prepare the people for a new leader. In the passages today, we see this experience from the perspectives of the leader exiting, the leader entering, and the people as they navigate an unpleasant, but unavoidable, reality.

Group Objectives

Relationships and Life Transformation are the primary purposes of community groups.

- Reflect on this past Sunday's message and other devotional reading.
- Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members...how can you "build one another up" this week?
- Pray for God's call to reach your "one more."

DNA statement(s) tie-in

- ***We are contributors, not consumers.*** We do not attend church, we are the Church, and we exist in and for the world.
- ***We are empowered by the Holy Spirit.*** The Holy Spirit within us enables us to live life beyond belief—a life filled with joy, purpose, and power. We live in a supernatural reality that includes yet transcends the physical universe.

Conversation Starters

- What stood out to you from this week's service?
- Tell the group about the best leader you served/worked under. What qualities made him or her a good leader?

Listening to God

- How have you seen God working in your life and the lives of others this week?
- Where do you see change happening in your life? What kind of emotions does this change elicit, and how have you seen God through the experience?

¹ This discussion guide was written by Rachel Vaughn and edited by Dawn Gentry. For additional content, see the [sermon online](#).

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 14; 32:44-47

- What is happening in this passage?
- How does Moses describe the situation? How does he prepare the people?
- What are some of the steps he takes to help Joshua start well?
- How is God portrayed through these passages? What is God's role?

Read Joshua 1:1-9

- What does God say to Joshua? Which part of his encouragement stands out to you?
- How does Joshua respond? What do his actions tell you about his state of mind?
- How do you think the experiences described in Deuteronomy influenced Joshua's ability to command the people?
- How does this example line up with your personal experiences? How were your transitions similar or different?
- What lessons can you learn from these texts or experiences to help assist with positive transitions?

Reach One More Challenge

- This week pray for any changes your One More might be experiencing or might experience in the near future. Pray for wisdom on how to help him or her through this time of transition.

Prayer Prompts

- Invite members of the group to share requests.
- Allow time for silent reflection on the following prompt.
 - *Lord, open my eyes to see your gentle leading as you shepherd me through the planned and unplanned changes in my life.*

For further study

- For more about the **Reach One More** initiative, see www.reachonemore.cccomaha.org.
- For practical ideas you can implement as you reach one more, see <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzdVE7HNsqM-FEzli5Etuzj379W7kUsxO>
- Heather Holleman, *Sent: Living a Life that Invites Others to Jesus*
- Pathak & Runyon, *The Art of Neighboring*