



SDG Discussion Guide

Deuteronomy 31:1-12

July 7, 2019

For Starters:

Are you typically more compliant or strong-willed? Why do you think so?

Apart from Jesus, whose footsteps would you like to follow for a time? Why? Where do you suspect they would lead you?

What do you look forward to most in the second half of this year?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. Where will Israel get the strength and courage to go on without Moses? How will Joshua follow in his steps?
2. What three arrangements were made regarding the Law? How does this relate to Joshua's succession of Moses?
3. For whom, when and why was the Law read in public?
4. For what now do you need strength and courage in your life? Where will you find it?
5. Who has been your mentor? What have you learned? Enough to succeed him or her? Explain.
6. Who or what are you typically tempted to rely on rather than God? Why? What prompts you to trust and obey God?
7. How have you set about reading and listening to God's Word? Is this satisfying to you? Why or why not? Any adjustments pending?
8. What great things do you imagine God may want to do within the next few years -- in your small group, family, and church?

Spend plenty of time in prayer. Perhaps begin by casting all of your cares and concerns for the future upon Him. Ask Him to show you something of the great things He has planned for the future. Ask Him to show you how you and your community can be a part of those great things. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).