

Like the Israelites in the desert heading toward the Promised Land, we are a faith community heading into a promised future. In this series, **Together: Remembering Experiences that Inform Our Future** we will learn from the Israelites' story, found in the Book of Deuteronomy, about what they were called to remember in order to follow God well. This week, we focus on remembering that obedience stems from our fear of the Lord.

#### #1

Review: Pick 1 to reflect on and discuss.

- What have you been remembering about what God has done for you?
- How is BLESSing others in your land going?
- What commandment have you been attempting to live into more?

#### #2

In your past relationships, what has motivated you to honor or obey the other person (e.g., supervisor, coach, teacher, spouse, significant other, friend)?

# #3

Read **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**. What is this passage calling us and the Israelites to do? Why is this important? What do you note about the order?

### #4

If you described what it means to fear the Lord to another person, what would you say? If to fear the Lord is to revere and honor Him, what is it about the Lord that helps you get to this posture in your own life? What hinders you from this posture of fearing the Lord?

# #5

On Sunday, PCC's Scott Kirksey stated that "Our fears are misguided when we think the size of our problems are greater than the size of our God." How do you find your own fears limit your ability to fear the Lord? See how Moses and God reminded the Israelites to overcome their fears in **Deuteronomy 31:6-7, 23**. What other passages come to mind that help you fear the Lord more than your own fears (e.g. **Matthew 6:25-27**)?

## #6

The story of Deuteronomy reflects the tension that our God and His plans are not always predictable, but He is reliable (faithful). How has God been reliable to you and how could remembering this help you to obey, as you head into your unknown future?

### **NEXT STEPS**

Recite **Deuteronomy** 6:4-9—The Shema—day and night, replacing "Israel" with your name or family's name. Watch **this short video** about The Shema.

Follow the Weekly Listening/Reading Plan for Deuteronomy (Chapters 13-16, by 10/10)

Engage in PCC's Wednesday Noon Zoom Prayer for 30 minutes.

Place a memory of God on the "Wall of Remembrance" in the back of the Worship Center.