

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 how God desires us to purge the evil among us.

#### #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?
- Where are you with having a posture of fearing the Lord?
- How have you embraced that you are God's treasured possession?

#### #2

How have you seen evil (ungodly attitudes or actions) cause destruction to a person, family, and community?

## #3

Reflect on **Deuteronomy 19:19**. Why is purging evil from among the Israelites so important? What is the context of this passage? Why do you think God restates the line "You must purge the evil from among you." nine other times in the book (vv. 13:5, 17:7, 17:12, 19:13, 21:21, 22:21-22, 22:24, 24:7)?

# #4

If purging evil is ridding oneself of ungodly attitudes and actions, brainstorm unhealthy and healthy motivations for purging evil. Why is it so important to have the right motivation when seeking to purge evil in our lives?

# #5

Why is purging evil individually and corporately so important to us as church, as we move forward into our future? What did Jesus say and do about purging evil—review Peter 1:14.

## #6

What attitudes or actions do you need to purge? What would be the benefit if you did? How could drawing near to God help this process?

## 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 21-24, by 10/24)

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

Participate at Prayer Around the Fire on October 29, in person at PCC.

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