



# GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Remember Jesus

Sunday, January 1st, 2017

In the words in **Deuteronomy**, Moses is sharing what he most want his children and grandchildren to remember. It serves as his last will and testament to the fruit of his life spent following God. The words are coming from a grandfather, mentor, leader, pastor, and shepherd.

- *What is some of the best advice you've ever gotten from a mentor, or grandparent?*
- *What was your relationship to the person that gave you the advice?*

**Read Deuteronomy 8:7-18 together as a group.** Take time to separate the reading between multiple people, as it's a longer text than normal.

- *What are your immediate impressions from this text? What stands out to you upon first hearing these words from Moses?*
- *In verse 11, what is Moses asking them to never forget?*

Moses knew that gratitude for what God would bring would be the only way for them to find contentment in this promised land. **Thankfulness is the only appropriate response to the promise.**

- *What would be the actual fulfillment of the God's covenant to his people?*
- *Looking back at 2016, in what specific ways have you seen God's faithfulness?*

If, through the living out of your purpose, you sense less dependance on God, you can be confident you are out of the will of God. **In your dependance on him, you remember.**

- *In what ways have your own weaknesses been to your advantage? How has God used your weakness or inadequacy for his Kingdom?*
- *In Deuteronomy 8:15-16, how did their neediness allow God to work?*

The story of Moses and the children of Israel is finally fulfilled by the arrival of a rescuer that frees us from the need to remember. **The rescue came in the way of Jesus.** Read **2 Timothy 2:8-10** together as a group.

- *In what ways do Paul's words to Timothy have added meaning?*
- *How does remembering Jesus empower us to obey, develop a heart of gratitude, live a life of selflessness, and stay humble?*