



Sermon Discussion Guide

Deuteronomy 8:11-20
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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Why is Carbon Monoxide so dangerous? Is this a helpful metaphor for thinking about our relationship to our wealth and money? Why?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

MY IDENTITY AND VISION OF SCARCITY (vv. 11-14, 17)

1. According to the text, as Israel was about to enter the Promised Land, what was their biggest threat? Why?
2. Do you see yourself as your own provider? Do you see your success primarily as the fruit of your own effort and work ethic? If so, how is the evidence of a scarcity mentality?
3. How does generosity show you if you find identity and validation in your wealth?

GOD'S IDENTITY AND VISION OF ABUNDANCE (vv. 14-16, 18-20)

1. How did Israel's time in the wilderness make them certain that God was their provider?
2. In v. 18, we see that God not only gives Israel their wealth, but also their abilities and power to make wealth? Name a few ways in which God has provided this in your life?
3. Ronnie suggested that generosity is not functional, it is relational. Name a time in your life in which your personal generosity produced communion and intimacy with God. Where you can "hear" God's voice?

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. How is the life and death of Jesus evidence of God's sacrificial generosity towards us?
2. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?

3. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?