

Wednesday

Read: Deuteronomy 18:17-18 *God's response*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does God's answer say about God's character?*
2. *Do you sometimes feel the need for a mediator between you and God? How would that help?*

Prayer Focus Creator, give us ears to hear and eyes to see the prophets among our own people. Thank you for the way you listen and the way you keep us in relationship with you.

Thursday

Read: Deuteronomy 18:19 *God's rules*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you handle messages from God that are uncomfortable or confusing?*
2. *Are there people you consider to be true prophets in your life?*

Prayer Focus Reach out to us, Holy Spirit, and lend us your wisdom. Forgive us when we fail to listen or follow your direction. Our lives are so much better when we are in accord with you.

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 18:20 *False prophets*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What can be the consequences today of listening to someone is not speaking according to God's word?*
2. *What word of God would you speak to your family, or community today?*

Prayer Focus We may not all be prophets, Great God, but we can offer to listen and encourage the prophets among us. We can pass along the truths we receive in our own words and in our lives.

Among Your Own People

Pastor's message: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Briefly, what piece of advice would you like to share with a younger person today?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

AMONG YOUR OWN PEOPLE

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Monday

Read: Deuteronomy 18:15 *The next prophet*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is your definition of "prophet?"*
2. *Who are prophets you see among us in our world today?*

Prayer Focus There are times when we can't see our way alone. We need a prophet, God of All, someone who can see the bigger picture and bring us the truth of your word.

Tuesday

Read: Deuteronomy 18:16 *The people's fear*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why did the people feel they needed a prophet?*
2. *Have there been times when the word of God was frightening to you?*

Prayer Focus Even as they trembled at your fire, Holy One, Moses' people feared even more to be without your presence and your strength. We acknowledge your power and humbly ask your help and compassion.