

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / DECEMBER 29

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read Deuteronomy 8:11–20 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Don’t let the goodness of the gift cause you to forget the greatness of the giver.”
- “The heart is an ‘idol factory’ that’s prone to memory loss, self-sufficiency, and deifying or depending on things like a successful career, relationships, material possessions, and more.”
- “The more we have—whether it be more success, more power, more position, more possessions, more popularity—the more we can be exposed to the danger of our hearts being drawn away from remembering God.”
- “God is their source. God is their sustenance. God is the ultimate satisfaction that they need—not his gifts.”
- “It’s in the gospel that we are reminded there is nothing we could do to earn the blessing of God’s love, acceptance, and favor, because Jesus earned it for us.”

### Group Discussion

1. Reflect on Deuteronomy 8:11–18. How does this text challenge the way you think about God’s gifts and your response to them?
2. Think of a time when you felt particularly blessed. Did those blessings make it easier or harder to focus on God as the source of all good things?
3. How do God’s actions described in Deuteronomy 8, especially his provision and guidance, reflect Christ’s role in our lives?
4. What are some practical ways you can help yourself and others remember the “greatness of the giver” during times of abundance?

#### CHALLENGE

- This week, consciously reflect each evening on where you saw God at work in your day. Write these instances down as a reminder of God’s active presence and provision in your life.

#### PRAYER

- Pray for a deeper awareness of and gratitude for God as the source of all blessings, recognizing that “every good gift ... is from the Father of lights” (James 1:17 ESV).
- Pray for the ability to maintain a Christ-centered perspective, especially during times of abundance, ensuring that our relationship with God remains the foundation of our lives.