

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



PRINCE  
OF PEACE  
Called to Connect

## GRAND OPENING & DEDICATION



## Just the Beginning

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This special weekend of dedication at Prince of Peace marks a significant step forward in our ministry, specifically due to the completion of phase 1 of our remodel. However, this weekend we are reminded that ultimately, the building is not what matters; it is just another blessing so that the people of God can continue to bless others. It's not the building. It's the people.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 10:12-22

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

God did a remarkable thing in setting the Israelites free from their slavery in Egypt. But God didn't just set the people free *from* something; he set them free *for* something. He set them free to be a blessing to the world. They were blessed to be a blessing. And part of what God blessed them with was land, the Promised Land. For forty years God led the people through the wilderness, not because the journey between Egypt and the Promised Land was that far, but because the distance between being unwilling slaves of Pharaoh and willing servants of God was. And now, as we join the story, the Israelites have come to the end of their wilderness wandering. They can see the Promised Land as they stand on the banks of the Jordan River.

We can only imagine what was running through the people's minds as they looked across the Jordan River at the land that God had promised them. No more packing up tents. No more sand in their sleeping bags. No more snakes. No more quail on manna sandwiches. They had finally arrived. This land was the answer to all their problems! But did you notice what God focused on in today's text? It wasn't the land. It was the people. It was the people and their relationship with God. The Promised Land wasn't a destination. It was just another blessing *so that* God's people could bless the world.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you think the Israelites felt when they finally reached the Promised Land?
- Have you had an experience in your life that resembled their journey—from the wilderness to the Promised Land? What was that like for you?
- As you think about our updated space at Prince of Peace, what excites you the most?
- What is one way you can lean into ministry in order to be a blessing to others?

**APPLICATION:** This week, practice gratitude. Take time each day to thank God for the blessing that is our remodeled space and for those wilderness/Promised Land experiences in our lives that draw us closer to him.

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