

Signs Of A Healthy Church:

Submission To The Authority Of The Word Of God

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Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (NET)

²Remember the whole way by which he has brought you these forty years through the desert so that he might, by humbling you, test you to see if you have it within you to keep his commandments or not.

³So he humbled you by making you hungry and then feeding you with unfamiliar manna. He did this to teach you that humankind cannot live by bread alone, but also by everything that comes from the LORD's mouth.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. Can the Word of God be trusted in times of crises? Why or why not?

2. Is the Word of God still authoritative?

3. Can we look for answers to life's questions outside of the Word of God?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes
