WEEK 12

God is desiring of our hearts

DAY 7 — A PEOPLE WHO BELONG TO GOD
DEUTERONOMY 7:6–9

DEVOTIONAL

GOD TELLS ISRAEL: “THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO BE A PEOPLE FOR HIS PERSONAL POSSESSION.” BEFORE BAPTISM IS ABOUT WHAT YOU DO FOR GOD, IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU BELONG TO. YOU AREN'T BAPTIZED TO EARN GOD'S LOVE. YOU ARE BAPTIZED BECAUSE YOU'VE RESPONDED TO HIS LOVE. YOU AREN'T SAYING: “LOOK HOW GOOD I AM.” YOU'RE SAYING: “LOOK WHO I BELONG TO.” AND THAT IS THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BELONG TO JESUS?
- IF YOU TRULY BELIEVED YOU BELONGED TO GOD, WHAT MIGHT CHANGE ABOUT THE WAY YOU LIVE?
- IS BAPTISM SOMETHING YOU'VE CONSIDERED AS YOUR PUBLIC DECLARATION OF FAITH?

PRAYER

JESUS, I BELONG TO YOU. THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING AND LOVING ME. HELP ME LIVE EVERY DAY AS SOMEONE WHO BELONGS COMPLETELY TO YOU.