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# Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

Sunday, August 27, 2023 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 3 | Enduring Reach: Where God Is Taking Us

At Wawasee Bible we articulate mission & vision through the metaphor of a picture frame.

Last week we looked at our unique identity as a local church. Our mission (what we do), our values (why we do it), our strategy/pathway (how we do it), and our outcomes (who we're becoming). Today we'll be focusing on direction and where God is taking us over the next 7 years.

God often paints **PICTURES** of where he wants to take us,

mission v. vision Deuteronomy 8:1-10

then guides our **STEPS**

Proverbs 16:3; 16:9 James 4:13-16

as we **PLAN** and **FOLLOW** him.

Proverbs 14:15; 20:18 Luke 14:28-32 Psalm 119:105



**What is this?** – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!

### Food for Thought...

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what excites you about the Enduring Reach vision of where God is taking us?

Four horizontal lines for writing notes.

Use this guide for further personal and/or group study this week. As you do, be sure to keep this week's message on our 2030 Vision in mind (or go back and watch the message again at <https://wawaseebible.com/sermons>.)

Take some time to read Deuteronomy 8:1-10, then answer the questions that follow. The scene for this passage is that God's people, the Israelites, are getting close to crossing the Jordan River into the land that God had promised to them. God gives them instruction to go take the land, but also paints a picture of the place they're going. As you read:

- Circle or highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.
- Underline what you think is important to remember.
- Put an X next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>1</sup>The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you.

(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

# Welcome to Wawasee!

**OUR MISSION** We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

**OUR OUTCOMES** If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...



1 | Receiving From God. Am I reading the Word regularly? Am I gathering to hear the Word taught? Is there fruit of the Spirit in my life?



2 | Responding To God. Am I worshipping Jesus or something else? Am I talking and listening to God regularly? Am I repenting of my sin?



3 | Receiving From Others. Am I in community with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | Moving Toward Others. Am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church or just consuming?



5 | Going Out on Mission. Am I regularly moving out toward those far from God, loving them and sharing God's Story and my own story?

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Ephesians 3:16-21 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>16</sup> I **pray** that he may **grant** you, **according** to the **riches** of his **glory**, to **be strengthened** with **power** in your **inner being** through his **Spirit**, <sup>17</sup> and that **Christ** may **dwell** in your **hearts** through **faith**. I **pray** that you, **being rooted** and **firmly established** in **love**, <sup>18</sup> may **be able** to **comprehend** with all the **saints** what is the **length** and **width**, **height** and **depth** of God's **love**, <sup>19</sup> and to **know** **Christ's love** that **surpasses knowledge**, so that you may **be filled** with all the **fullness** of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is **able** to do above and **beyond** all that we ask or **think according** to the **power** that works in us— <sup>21</sup> to him **be glory** in the **church** and in **Christ Jesus** to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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## Food for Thought (continued)

<sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.  
<sup>7</sup> For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.  
<sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

1. If you had to choose just one verse or phrase from this passage to describe the mission, what phrase would you choose? Draw a box around it above and answer why you chose it below.  
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2. In what section of this passage does God begin to provide a "travel brochure" of what the destination is going to look like? Bracket the section above.  
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3. Why did you think God provided this travel brochure for the people of Israel? Wasn't just telling them what to do (their mission) enough? How did it make a difference?  
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4. Take some time to review the vision of where God is taking us that Pastor Josh laid out for our church this weekend. What will it look like when we get there? What will your part be? Write a few thoughts about it below and then talk about it with God in prayer.  
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