

## **Our Need for God's Word**

### *Deuteronomy 8*

**Introduction:** This study is the first in our series on “The Word” (i.e. the Scriptures.) As Steve mentioned on Sunday, at Faith we have a “high view” of Scripture. We believe that the Scriptures reveal things we wouldn’t otherwise know about God, about humanity, and about how we should live in this world. We believe that we should not only have a high view of Scripture; we should also have a deep experience with Scripture. Our desire in this sermon series is that wherever you currently are in your experience with Scripture that God will use this series in your life so that your experience with the Scriptures progressively becomes more life-giving, nourishing, and transformational.

**Opening Question:** What one word would you use to describe your current experience of Scripture? Why?

### **Read Deuteronomy 8 (especially vv. 1-3)**

1. Read 1 Cor. 10:11. In what way does this episode in Deuteronomy from the experience of the children of Israel serve as an object lesson for New Testament believers?
2. What humbling circumstances did the Lord allow the children of Israel to experience to help them see their need?
3. What does it mean that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord?

Steve said:

Today’s message is the first of three messages on vision. Our vision can be fueled by our need for God’s Word. If you think that the Scriptures are good but optional, you probably won’t invest time and energy necessary to become “fluent” in Scripture. But if you believe that the Scriptures are as important as food, then everything changes.

4. If we believe that the Scriptures are as important as food how might that affect our experience of the Word?

5. Does your current interaction with the Scriptures reveal that you believe that the Scriptures are as important as food? Why or why not?
  
6. Are there any ways in which God has humbled you recently (through circumstances, weaknesses, sinfulness, limitations, etc.) that has revealed in a fresh way that you need to receive “everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord”?