

DEUTERONOMY—1 Community Group Questions

Deuteronomy 1:1-12

1—Where have you seen the Lord work in your life this past week?

DEUTERONOMY—Moses' final thoughts, final charge to NCC.

TORAH—first five books. Deuteronomy is the last book in the TORAH (LAW). 34 chapters.

Chapter 26 Moses begins his final comments before moving into the Land God had promised to Abraham (Genesis 12) and his descendants. The "PROMISED LAND."

--The TORAH captures the ups and downs of God's people trying to get to PROMISED LAND.

Exodus 1 to the CROSSING OF THE RED SEA—80 years. 40 Years in the desert.

Deuteronomy 26-34—Moses' final words of encouragement!

2—Read Deuteronomy 26:1-3. Moses is instructing the Israelites on what to say and do once they cross over into the Promised Land (This is the land the God promised Abraham in Genesis 12:7). Why do you think Moses is being so specific with his instructions? What are the "firstfruits" Moses mentions in v.2? How do we give our firstfruits today? Have you ever heard any sermons or teachings on giving firstfruits?

3—Read Deuteronomy 26:4-11. Beginning in verse 5, Moses instructs the Israelites that once they enter the Promised Land to recall their faith story. Why would Moses want them to retell their story? When you retell your story, what are some of your spiritual highlights? When retelling how the Lord has worked in your own life, how are you inspired to respond to the goodness of God?

4—Read Deuteronomy 26:12. Why would Moses specifically give this list of people to make sure they had food? The one thing they have in common is that not one of them owns their own land. What does this passage say about God?

5—Which of Sunday's points best resonates with you?

- Your life reflects what you believe about God.
- Genuine gratitude requires expression. (vv.1-3)
- Recalling God's faithfulness leads to a life of radical generosity. (vv.4-10)
- Rejoicing is best done with a humble heart. (vv.10b-11)
- The generosity of God means no one is overlooked. (v.12)

6—Where do you find yourself in these verses? How can you apply these verses in your life? What is the Lord tell you through these verses?