COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FOR DEUTERONOMY

- 1. If you could pass on 3 big life lessons to the next generation, what would they be? (Deuteronomy is a book in which Moses is passing on his most significant lessons to the next generation who are about to enter the Promised Land.)
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9 together. This collection of verses speaks to the heart of following God: obedience. In Hebrew, the word "Hear" or "Listen" denotes an actionable response to what was heard. Jesus himself clarified and expounded on these verses (Matthew 22, Mark 12, Luke 10). In what areas of your life are you hearing the word, but maybe not fully responding to and obeying it?
- 3. The name Deuteronomy means "second law". Much of the book is Moses restating and clarifying laws that have already been established, which may seem redundant. In what areas of your life do you feel that repetition of God's commandments is helpful and necessary?
- 4. Deuteronomy 7:9 echoes God's declaration of His character from Exodus 34:6-7 and highlights His faithfulness. Hebrews 3 highlights Christ's faithfulness of being counted worthy of more glory than Moses'. In what ways are you specifically thankful that He is faithful even when we are not?
- 5. What core principles of wisdom or justice have you discerned through Deuteronomy (or the greater Torah)? How were some of these forms of wisdom and justice radical for the time of the ancient Israelites, and how do many of them continue to be radical for us today?
- 6. The blessing and curse language of Moses (Deuteronomy 27-30) points back to the garden in Genesis and how Adam and Eve were originally given a choice to choose between good and evil. Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20 together. Based upon your life, would you say that you have chosen "life and good" or "death and evil"?
- 7. Moses was able to gaze upon the Promised Land from a mountaintop, but never himself stepped into the land promised by God (Deuteronomy 34). Does this mean that God was unfaithful in his promise? How can we trust the Lord when his plans and promises don't happen on our "own timeline" or the way we want them to work?
- 8. In Deuteronomy 8, God calls the Israelites to remember: to remember His promises, His faithfulness, and His commandments. How can you practically remember who He is and all that He has done in your own life, and the lives of people around you, this next week?