

## Growth Group Guide: Deuteronomy 1-3

What experiences (good or bad) have you had with making or receiving a big promise?

Can you list some promises God has made (either ones that have been fulfilled or those still to come). Bonus points for Bible references.

*Deuteronomy is greek for 'second law' and the book outlines the last words of Moses before he dies. This sermon style speech (Deut 1:3 'Moses proclaimed') is seeking to encourage the Israelite nation to hear God's promises and his call on their life. God has graciously rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt and brought them to the edge of the promised land around 40 years ago yet the people did not enter because they did not trust in God's promises. Today Moses passionately pleads with this generation to not make the same mistake.*

*In brief it is as if Moses is saying, 'You are on the edge of the promised land that God has graciously given you...trust and obey him today. Here are some instructions in how you must do this.'*

### **Read Deuteronomy 1:19-36**

What fears did the Israelites have about entering the promised land?

Are there any ways or areas in your life where you hold back from trusting God and obeying him?

### **Read Deuteronomy 2:2-7**

Are any of the Israelites fears addressed here?

### **Read Deuteronomy 2:9-23**

Are any of the Israelites fears addressed here?

### **Read Deuteronomy 3:1-11**

Are any of the Israelites fears addressed here?

How has God shown the Israelites he is trustworthy and able to keep his promises?

How has God shown us that he is trustworthy and able to keep his promises?

God saved the Israelites and brought them to the promised land, God has saved us and presents us with the promise of being with him in the new earth. What should our response be?

How does this affect your life tomorrow?