

Deuteronomy 1:1-8, 19-40

Gifting and Taking



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Deuteronomy 1:1-8; 19-40

1. Read Deuteronomy 1:1-8; 19-40. The first couple of verses in this chapter introduce the context in which Deuteronomy occurs. Where are the people of Israel when Moses begins to speak (1:1-2, 5)? How long ago did the events of the Exodus occur (1:3)?
2. In 1:5, Moses begins to teach. The book of Deuteronomy is largely made up of three sermons from Moses before he dies (Deuteronomy 34). In 1:6-8 he remembers what happened at Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai) some 40 years ago. What are the main points he makes in 1:6-8?
3. In 1:19-40, Moses remembers what happened after the people had arrived at Kadesh Barnea. What were the main reasons Israel rebelled against the LORD God at that time?
4. Discuss why God's gift of the land still had to be taken. What is the relationship between "gift" and "take"?

The Scriptures – Deuteronomy 1:1-8; 19-40 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. There are many important NT reflections on the generation of Israel that rebelled against God and did not enter the land of promise. Read, for example, Hebrews 3:7-14 (in which the writer uses a portion of Psalm 95). What are the main points the writer is making about Christian life and discipleship?
6. God gives the kingdom to his people (Luke 12:32-34). He gifts the Holy Spirit to his people. However, in spiritual battle we still have to take action to stand against evil. Read and discuss Ephesians 6:10-17 in this light. What has to be taken or taken up?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Deuteronomy 1:1-8; 19-40 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. How has God gifted you? What are your responsibilities? What does God want you to do with those gifts?
8. How can we pray for you and support you as you seek to obey God in the light of this study of Scripture?

