# Adapting to get from here to there

# Deuteronomy 3:12-29: From HERE

# Background

## Part of the first sermon/talk 1:6-4:43

### Moses is re-telling what has happened so far and pointing to God as he does it

### He’s teaching them truths that will help them go into the Land, possess it and stay faithful to God

## This is potted recent history

### Details of what happened in Number 20-25

### The land gained was allotted to Reuben, Gad and Mannaseh

# God has a place for you

## It’s a niche just for you, but your part is to take possession of it

### God will help you, but you must own it

## God also has a place for others

### But they don’t own it yet

## No-one should rest until everyone has their place

# God wants you to encourage the next generation

## Moses encouraged Joshua by pointing him to the God watching over him

### Look what God did to them

### God will do the same to others so don’t be afraid because God is fighting for you

### God gives us a sense for which battles to fight

#### When we listen, the battles are focussed and we experience the presence of God

# God wants you to know when to stop praying

## You can ask God, but when He answers ‘No’ stop asking

### God had said ‘No’ and given a reason

### Moses was not resentful or bitter about this

#### He resigns to a God who knows what He’s doing and doesn’t always give explanations

### The ‘No’ was to protect the people and give them a lesson on obedience that would be difficult to forget

## Being God’s servant and obedience to detail are *necessary* companions

# Remembering difficulties

## The valley near Beth Peor was a reminder of their failure (Num 25)

## Moses is pointing this out to remind them of their calling towards the one true God who gave His Law to protect His people from harming themselves and to enhance their walk with God

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# God has a place for you

## How would you explain a person’s niche?

### Is your niche a permanent place? Explain

## In what ways have you found your niche?

### Where do you fit in?

## In what ways are you still searching for your niche?

## How could you be helped to find your niche in life?

## How could you help someone find theirs?

### How could someone be helped to find their niche in the church?

# Encouraging the next generation

## How far should a generation step back in order for the next generation to step up?

### When do ‘apprenticeships’ work in the church?

### Where do they not work?

## The latest studies show that ‘adolescence now starts around the age of 10 and does not finish until around the age of 24

### How can this help us in encouraging the young?

# Knowing when to stop praying

## How far do you agree that it is wrong to keep praying for something that God has said ‘No’ to?

### How do the scriptures help us here? (try 1 Thess 5:16-18; Rom 12:12; Lk 18:1ff; 2Sam 12:13-23)

## Have you had experiences of God saying ‘No’?

### Share if appropriate

## How far do you agree that Christians should pray persistently for the right response to disaster rather than the healing or prevention of it?

### How does this help with ‘big picture prayer’?

# Remembering good times and bad

## How far do you agree that it is good to be reminded of failures sometimes?

### When, if ever, do you think it is wrong to remind people of their failures?