# Adapting to get from here to there

# Deuteronomy 8:1-20 God’s word for a time of change

# Background

## The Israelites are on the edge of the Promised Land after being rescued from slavery and wandering around the wilderness for 40 years

### Their time in the wilderness was not a wasted time

# Remember and Keep

## At the heart of it all:

### The fourth commandment (Ex 20) about the Sabbath Day

### All the commandments

### Every Jewish home

## Both are needed!

# Remember

## Who you are and what you’ve been through

### Remember God’s fatherly training (1-6)

## Who helped you and how you got through

## What you have been given

### Remember God’s generous provision (7-16)

## You are precious to Him and you are called to be His child

### Remember God’s standards for God’s Kingdom (17-20)

## Some things can only be learned when you’re in trouble!

# Keep

## Is letting that rescue change us

## Is saying ‘Your ways are best’ and ‘Your will is right’ to God

## Is demonstrating that the Kingdom of God is not like the world

# If you are God’s child, He disciplines you (5)

## God’s path is easy to see but difficult to stay on

### God wants you to remember Him

### God wants you to remember who you are

### God wants you to remember the past, so you can change your future

## God now gives you the full resources of heaven to be a child of the kingdom in the world He created

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Remember and Keep

## Which is more important to you and why?

## How far do you agree that both of these are needed to keep an agreement?

## To what extent do you agree that Deut 8 can be summed up as ‘Remember and Keep’

### How else could you summarise it?

# Remembering in this chapter

## Are ‘remembering’ and ‘not forgetting’ the same thing?

### Explain the difference, if any

## What are the recipients specifically ask to remember?

### What reasons are given for why they must remember?

## What are they told not to forget?

### What reasons are given for this?

## What consequences are given when the people do not remember or forget?

# Keeping in this chapter

## How many different ways does Moses express ‘keeping’ (commands, laws, etc) (e.g. v1,6)?

## What are the consequences of keeping God’s commands?

## What are the consequences of ‘not keeping’ God’s commands?

# Jesus and this chapter

## The lesson learned in the wilderness (v3) is used by Jesus

### Under what circumstances does He use it?

## v17 Why is this still relevant for Christians today?

## Are vv19,20 still applicable for the Christian?

### Does it imply we can be thrown out of the Kingdom of God?

#### If so, in what way?

## How does the New Testament deal with boasting?

### Is it always ‘wrong’?