# Adapting to get from here to there Deuteronomy 1:1-18

# We’re here, not there!

# Deuteronomy

## A bad name for a good book

### Genesis ‘In the beginning…’

### Exodus ‘There are the names…’

### Leviticus ‘And He called…’

### Numbers ‘In the desert…’

### Deuteronomy ‘These are the words…’

## Moses’ words to God’s people after 40 years in the desert

### 3 talks by Moses at the end of his term of leadership (1:1-4:43; 4:44-28:68; 29:1-33)

### A covenant document (an agreement) between a boss and his workers or a king and a vassal state which sets out a history of how they got to where they are, the rules of the workplace, the benefits of sticking to the rules and the sanctions for breaking them

### It’s the most quoted book of the OT in the NT with over 80 references in 17 of the 27 books of the NT

### It concludes with Moses’ death (34) – a seal to the book

# God spoke before

## You have stayed here at the mountain long enough

## You’ve got the grace of God

## You’ve got the covenant

## You’ve got God going with you

# God blessed them in the desert

## They were fruitful and multiplied

### So much so that Moses couldn’t cope

## They won some battles when they were opposed and attacked

# God led them to this point

# God Gave us His word

## It’s this word that Moses expounds (5)

### He makes it clear

#### He says what it means and how it should be taken

### You do that by listening to the heart of God behind the message of the 10 commandments

## You are NOT doing this to earn God’s favour, but to become a kingdom of priests in the Promised Land showing the blessing of a walk with God to the rest of the world

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The name of the book

## How often have you read Deuteronomy and what is your impression of it?

### How does the naming of it as ‘These are the words…’ change the way you are drawn into it?

## How does the view that ‘these are Moses’ words after leading the people of God for 40 years’ change the way you come to it?

### What would you expect to find in the final words of a leader?

# God speaks

## God spoke and the people moved on (1:6)

### How does God speak to you privately?

### How does He speak to the church now?

#### Give examples where appropriate?

#### How well do we see God speaking in retrospect rather than at the time?

# The leader and his limitations

## Moses admits his weakness at the outset (1:9)

### But he makes God the focus (1:10,11) before proposing a solution 1:13) which the people agree to (1:14)

#### How can this approach be useful to us when our activities for Him becomes too much?

### How does Moses pass on his ‘heart’ (15-18)?

# Expounding the word (1:5)

## How do you understand this word?

### If I were to expound my knowledge of Chemistry where would the focus be?

#### What would you be able to do at the end?

### If you were to expound your knowledge of your family what would others be able to do at the end?

## How can we do the same with God’s word today?

## How does this help us understand Moses’ role?

# A covenant document

## How does ‘an agreement between God and His rescued people so that they can become a kingdom of priests (Ex 19:6)’ help us to read this book without fear of condemnation?