## IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DEUTERONOMY 1:1-18

1	Take time to discuss the following question: "Do God's blessings always make life easier?" Push past a simple yes or no answer. Think how God's blessings might actually make life more complex or more difficult. (For an example from this week's text, think of when God muplied the people of Israel in Deut. 1:9-10.)		
	When has an answered prayer or blessing from the Lord made things more difficult or complicated in your life? What was that like? What digony you do? How did you respond to God's work?		
	What would you tell someone who is struggling with the difficulty of God's favor or the challenge associated with his blessing?		
2	When it came to Moses and the multiplied people, it wasn't just the number of people that created a burden, it was their character (Deut 12). They were people who complained, argued, and stirred up strife.		
	🕻 What are 3-4 qualities in people that make the responsibility of leadership a blessing, and what kind of qualities in people make it a burden?		
	Write down your 3-4 clearest lines of authority:		
3	lead Deut. 1:16-17. How did Moses advise those who were selected to rule in Israel? How were they to judge?		
	🕻 How does Moses' advice apply to your own situations? Think of opportunities for conflict-resolution, decision-making or leadership.		
	As you consider your own opportunities to act with fairness and justice, what is significant is there to the phrase, "the judgment is God's" in Deut. 1:17?		

<b>A journey that should have taken Israel 11 days to complete, ended up dragging on for 40 years.</b> A brief trek turned into extende the wilderness.		
	Disobedience to the Lord slowed the children of Israel down. When have you expereinced something simi	lar in your life?
	How would you counsel someone who's on the boundary of a significant life decision, teetertottering betw God?	veen obedience and disobedience to
	Are you facing any circumsstances where you need to "follow your own counsel?" Share how your group and obey the Lord.	can pray for you that you would trust
Has God ever impressed upon your heart that it was time to "move on?" Has the Lord ever convinced you that you were in a particular or situation "long enough?" Take time to share and listen to each other's experiences.		
	➡ How did the painful consequences of past disobedience, the ancient promises of blessing, or the faithful consequence?	haracter of God help you make your