GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER LAND, LIFE, & YOU DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DEUTERONOMY 2:1-3:11

1	The Israelites were wandering in the wilderness as a consequence of their sin, and yet Deut 2:7 says that God was providing for them.		
	₩ How could both of those things be true?		
	♥ What does that teach you about the character of God and the nature of his discipline?		
2	Discuss how sin and evil played into the historical outworking of the judgment of the Canaanites?		
	How would you answer the charge that innocent people were killed as Israel conquered the Promised Land? ¹		
	Can there really be justice if evil is not judged? ²		
3	Can you relate to the need to move forward from failure and start again the right way? How does Deut. 2-3:11 speak to you about that personally?		
	♥ What can you recall about God's past faithfulness to help you face the future with courage?		
	♥ How can your group pray for you in that?		

4	In Deut 2:30, it says that God made Sihon's heart obstinate.	
	Read Exodus 7:1-5. How does the story of Pharaoh's hardened heart shed light on this difficult passage	2?
	Discuss Rom. 1:24-28. It is a sobering reality to think that God would ratify a sinner's determination to	steel himself or herself against his will.
	♥ How does that impact your own heart of submission to God?	
	How should the possibility of the hardening of someone's heart inform our prayer lives?	
5	What parallels can you see between the sins of the Canaanites and our own culture?	
	How might similar sinful behavior in our own society inoculate us against the seriousness of that sin?	
	♥ How might living in a similarly sinful society inoculate us to the seriousness of our own sin?	
	♥ How can our own sinfulness jade our understanding of the fairness of God in judgment?	PRAYER REQUESTS
	How should a clearer understanding of God's holiness and hatred toward sin impact our own attitudes and actions today?	
6	Take time to pray in response to Deuteronomy 2:1-3:11.	
	Submit to the Lord in prayer and bow before his sovereignty.	
	Trust God's rule over kingdoms and nations and rest in the outworking of his will.	
	Pray that God would help you see the depths of your own depravity so that you will hate sin like he does.	
	Ask him to give you a distaste for the horrors of evil and a hunger for true righteousness.	
	Ask God to help you move toward an acceptance of his glory through judgment.	
	Praise the Lord for his ultimate plan and final solution for evil accomplished through his death on the cross and defeat of the grave.	