GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **NOVEMBER 15**

Deuteronomy: God Puts Our Love to the Test

Deuteronomy 8:1-10 | Test of Discipline

Icebreakers!

1. If someone in your group has been through Boot Camp, share about that experience!
2. What's a discipline your parents drilled into that you hated in the moment but value now?

Growing Together

3. **Study Deuteronomy 8:1-10 on the next page.** What do the green sections have in common? What commands does God give here? What title would you give this section?
4. When has God brought you into a unique season where you had to depend on Him, obey Him, and grow in humility?
5. How have your "wilderness" experiences of God humbled and tested you to reveal what was in your heart?
6. What does it look like to receive God's discipline in your life as a son receives discipline from a loving father? *See also Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:5, 6; or Revelation 3:19*
7. Why does it matter for you that Jesus humbled Himself and went through testing in true humanity to come through God's training and discipline perfectly? *See Hebrews 5:7-9!*
8. What would the Israelites have appreciated about the blessings God listed in this promised land? What hard things on earth are you excited to be replaced with good things in heaven?
9. How does our discipline on earth make us appreciate the glories of heaven?
10. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

11. How is God humbling you and testing you right now? Where is there a question whether or not you will obey what He's calling you to do?
12. Stop to thank God for adopting you as His son/daughter. Express to Him that you're willing to receive His training and discipline, trusting Him as your loving Father.

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. (Hebrews 12:11-13)

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"The whole commandment that I command you today
you shall be careful to do,
that you may live and multiply,
and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers.

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you
these forty years in the wilderness,
that he might humble you,
testing you to know what was in your heart,
whether you would keep his commandments or not.
And he humbled you
and let you hunger and fed you with manna,
which you did not know, nor did your fathers know,
that he might make you know
that *MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE,*
BUT MAN LIVES BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
Your clothing did not wear out on you
and your foot did not swell these forty years.
Know then in your heart that,
as a man disciplines his son,
the LORD your God disciplines you.

So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God
by *walking in his ways* and by *fearing him*.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land,
a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs,
flowing out in the valleys and hills,
a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates,
a land of olive trees and honey,
a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity,
in which you will lack nothing,
a land whose stones are **iron**, and out of whose hills you can dig **copper**.

And you shall eat and be full,
and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.