Deuteronomy

The following questions are for group discussion. The discussion should aim to help participants think through the lesson and its application both personally and in the church.

1. In the Torah, there is a progression in the revelation of the redemptive purposes of God. Man is ruined in Genesis, redeemed in Exodus, cleansed in Leviticus, directed to the place of promise in Numbers, and called to be fully devoted to God from the heart in Deuteronomy. How does Deuteronomy help us understand the importance of using our minds to think and remember God? How does it help us to see the place and importance of love to God?

2. Deuteronomy was written to the second generation of Israel. Their parents disobeyed God and were disciplined for it. Now, this second generation is being urged to remember the rebellion of their parents and the promise of the Lord their God. How important is it to learn from mistakes and past failures (our own and those of others)? How important is it for us to remember the Lord our God?

3. Deuteronomy urges the remembrance of several important realities, but especially God's love and faithfulness. Why is it crucial to keep before us God's love and faithfulness? What effects should these things produce within us? What advantage do Christians have over those to whom Deuteronomy was written?

4. What are some of the dangers of forgetting God in our daily lives? God reveals Himself personally (with attributes) and relationally (with requirements) in Deuteronomy. How does this relate to God's love? How does it relate to our obedience? What should we acknowledge when we prosper? What should we expect when we disobey and forget God?

5. Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13. What are the actions being commanded? What is the importance of how verse 13 ends? Does God require these things of Christians? Knowing that we cannot fulfill these commands in our own strength, what should we do when we fail? What should we acknowledge when we honor them?

6. How can we make much of Christ through what Deuteronomy teaches?