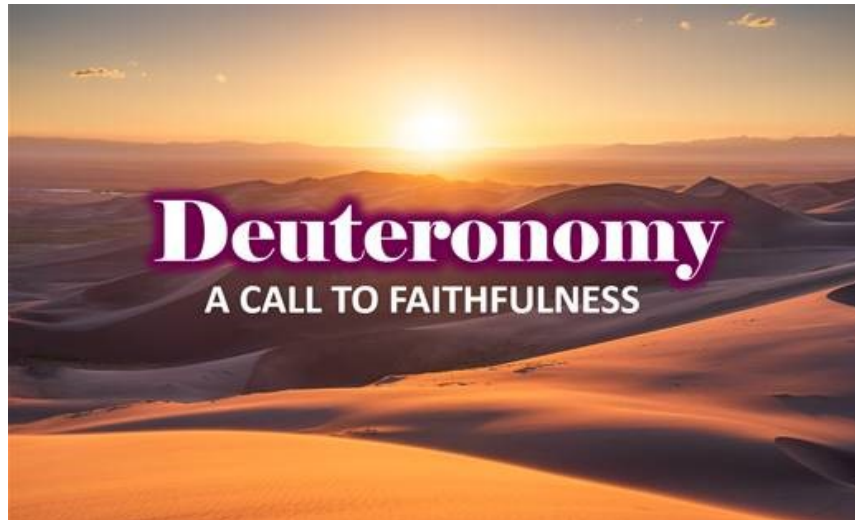


Thought Starters for this Sunday's Message:



This Sunday's message in our series on the Book of Deuteronomy, is called *God's School of Dependence*. I encourage you to read Deuteronomy, perhaps a chapter a day, while we are in the series, and to reflect upon what Moses teaches in it. Here are some questions to prompt your thinking in preparation for this Sunday's message:

Read Deuteronomy 8:1-5 and reflect upon how you would answer these questions:

1. Why was it not enough for God to simply *tell* the Israelites to obey Him and depend upon Him without putting them through the rigors of their desert wanderings?
2. What role does humility (mentioned twice v. 2-3) play in learning to depend upon God?
3. Why was it a good thing that God "caused" the Israelites to hunger (v. 3)?
4. What miraculous blessing did God grant to the Israelites during their travels (v. 4)?
5. How would you define God's discipline (v. 5)?