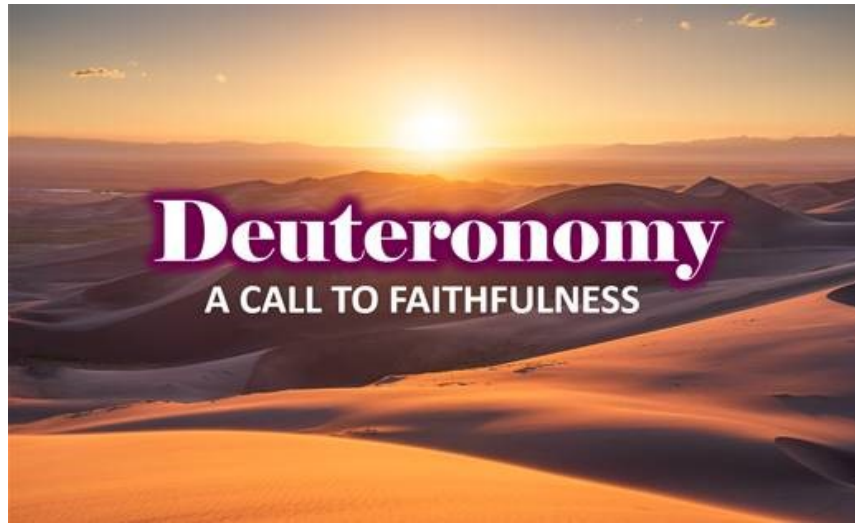


Thought Starters for this Sunday's Message:



This Sunday's message in our series on the Book of Deuteronomy, is called *Second Best Is Always Worse*. 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 17: 14-20 and 1 Samuel 8, and the reflect upon your responses to the following:

1. Why did Israel prefer a human king, rather than to be led directly by God?
2. What did the Israelites' preference for a human king reveal about their trust in God?
3. What does it mean to "seek God's best" for our lives?
4. Do you think God has a "best" for us, as opposed to a "second best"? Is there evidence for that perspective in Scripture?