

Deuteronomy 2

Deuteronomy 2:2-4, 24-25, and 34-37

Launch

Moses continues his first speech talking about God's faithfulness through Israel's wanderings. Throughout chapter two we read about the Israelites breaking camp and continuing their journey but they are also commanded to attack certain land and leave other land alone. God brought the Israelites to these battles to prepare them for the purpose he had for them, the purpose of ultimately saving humanity through Jesus. The Israelites experienced challenges, discomfort, and tough battles that were only possible through God's faithfulness and purpose for them.

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 2:2-4, 24-25, and 34-37. The Lord told Moses to end their wandering around the hill country and to go north. Why is it significant for the Israelites to go north?

Chapter two covers tough topics we see in the Old Testament. Even reading through this chapter can be uncomfortable for us seeing that God commanded for people to be attacked and the "earth being terrified because of you" (e.g. 2:25). We believe that God is justified in commanding things like this because God is sovereign over his creation. If your group wants to find more explanation about the wickedness of the Canaanites and God's judgement you can read through Leviticus 18.

Now go ahead and open your Deuteronomy books and turn to page 2 and go through the **Engage** section as a group. Challenge each other to read through next week's chapter (Deuteronomy 3) before next Sunday! Remember you can always go deeper and find answers to questions at centralsf.org/34.

Apply

We see Moses say that "the Lord said to me" and "God had commanded" but what are some other ways God revealed himself in faithfulness to the Israelites in this chapter?

What are areas or situations in your life that lack challenge? God can only show us what's attainable through him if we are in unattainable situations. What is something you need to surrender to enter into discomfort and let God do only what he can do?

In what ways do you think God challenges you to leave your comfort zone? Are you in a current season where God is telling you to break camp and continue your journey or in a season of camping and waiting for God's direction?

Pray

Pray for courage to step out of your comfort zone and have God lead you into the unfamiliar, unsettling, and unattainable.