Community Group Discussion Questions

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church • January 22 – 28, 2023 #launchwell sermon series • Deuteronomy 31:1-8 "Getting From Here to There"

- 1. Participating in high risk activities like being an astronaut or mountain climbing may never have interested you, but tell the group about a time in your life when getting from here to there was quite a challenge for you.
- 2. If you had been there when Moses mentioned that he wasn't going to lead Israel over the Jordan, but Joshua would....what emotions or thoughts would have been running through you?
- 3. Pastor Rick quoted Alicia Chole that our emotions were not meant to lead us. Truth, on the other hand, is a great leader because, "...truth clears the fog in our minds, provides much-needed boundaries for our emotions, and empowers our wills to choose well." How have you experienced this? How do you choose to let truth lead over your emotions?
- 4. Moses words assure us that in the MVPC pastoral transition we have Someone to follow, an agenda to pursue, and God's promises to grasp. Which of these do you personally find most assuring, and why?
- 5. Our new lead pastor is in his early 30's. What advantages and disadvantages are there in that reality? How can we as a church in practical ways appreciate the advantages and minimize the disadvantages?
- 6. Moses made it clear that the coming transition from his leadership to Joshua, and that it was now time to cross the Jordan was at God's direction (v.2 "The Lord said to me"; v.3 "...as the Lord has spoken."). In what ways should/could that impact our perspective on personally or corporately getting from here to there?