March 29 Questions

1) After the land was divided, God told Joshua to designate by name the cities of ______ which He had spoken of to Moses (Exod 21:13; Num 35:6–34; Deut 19:1–13). These ______ cities gave asylum to those who had ______killed someone, and their location in the north, center and south on both sides of the Jordan made them easily ______ to those who needed their protection. This legal provision for cases of manslaughter gives us insight into the character of God: (1) He cares about people's ______, and He made sure that a man without hatred in his heart would not be put to death as a murderer (Josh 20:5); (2) His justice is available to no matter their background or class (Josh 20:9); and (3) He regards human life as , and it should only be taken according to His stipulations (Deut 19:10). Last but not least of the tribes, the were given cities and pasture land just as God commanded through Moses (Num 35:2–8). God did this intentionally so the Levities, whose responsibilities included the and ______ of the law, would not be far from anyone in Israel. In this way they provided a positive spiritual ______ on the entire nation. This shows how important it is for us to be ______ and ______ in our homes, our churches, our communities, and our nation. Like the Levites, we need to be encouraging and challenging those around us to be holy and dedicated to God.