



Covenant

Welcome (10 mins)

Choose from suggestions in Cell Resources

Worship (20 mins)

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Word (40 mins)

Covenant springs from God's desire to have a relationship with each of us which is personal, intimate and forever. Covenant creates a bond between two parties who have chosen to be in relationship.

God made a covenant with –

ADAM - Hos 6:7

Adam and Eve broke it through a desire to be independent

NOAH - Gen 6: 8-9, 18

Noah "walked with God"

ABRAHAM – Gen 12 and 15, Isa 41:8

He was "God's friend".

God promised-

1. Seed - Gen12:2, Gen15:5
 - (a) Natural seed
 - (b) Spiritual seed - all those who believe, Jew or Gentile. Gal 3:29 & 7, Rom 9: 6-8
 - (c) Christ - in whom the promises are fulfilled, Gal 3:16
2. Land - Gen12:1, 7 God connects people and land. Acts 17: 24-27
 - (a) Canaan - now called Palestine
 - (b) The whole earth – Rom 4:13 Matt 5:5 Eph 1:22-23
3. Universal Blessing - Gen12:3 Matt 24:14

ISRAEL - Exod19:1-8, Exod 20

God promised them (all 2 million now) that the nation would be his "treasured possession" and a priesthood to channel blessing to all the nations - if they would obey his covenant, the 10 commandments. It wasn't long before failure struck! Gal 3:21-24

DAVID - Psalm 89:20, 26-29, 30-36, 2 Sam 7:10-17



God promised that a descendant of his would sit on the throne forever (so to speak...!) The promise is fulfilled in Christ - Luke 1:30-33, Matt 1:1 Christ has the key of David - i.e. kingdom authority, Rev 3:7-8

US! - The new covenant – Jer 31:31-34, Ezek 36:25-27, Luke 22:20, Gal.3:14

God promises forgiveness, personal relationship with each of his people, and the power to obey - the Holy Spirit! By the way, the new covenant was specifically designed for failures...

Covenant involves a promise, an oath and sacrifice. Gen 50:24, Luke 1:68,72-73, Heb 6:13-20. We have an "anchor of the soul" and a covenant sealed in the blood of Jesus.

Covenant touches our relationships with each other. When we break bread together we celebrate our covenant relationship with God, and we express our covenant relationship with one another. 1 Cor 11:24, 10:16. We are saying "We are one" and "I am for you".

Finally, as Christ's body we are involved in the fulfilment of God's purposes - "the Amen is spoken by us" (2 Cor 1:20).

Witness (20 mins)

Personal challenges -

- How can I experience more of the Holy Spirit's power in helping me to live in the good of the new covenant?
- Am I enjoying forgiveness, guilt-free and secure in God's covenant love?
- Is my personal relationship with Jesus growing?
- Does my everyday life have a sense of purpose, as part of the body of Christ, involved in seeing God's promises come true?
- How are my relationships with others? Do they need attention? Do I have close relationships which are both enjoyable and fruitful?

Notes

Cell Plan