



DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 2

Covenant

ICEBREAKER:

What has been the most significant promise you have ever made or that someone has made to you?

BIG IDEA:

Today's big idea: God makes good!

DAILY BIBLE READING (Optional):

If you'd like our daily bible reading, sign up through our connect card at findcommunity.com/nextsteps.

> Genesis 12:1-9; Genesis 15:1-22; Matthew 3:1-12; Romans 4:1-8; Galatians 3:1-9

> Was there a particular passage that stood out to you?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15

DISCUSSION:

1. Share what stood out to you from Pastor Scott's message. Was there a specific thought or story that sparked inspiration, or a difficult observation that you had to wrestle with?
2. Have someone, or multiple people from your group, read Genesis 15. Is this idea of covenant new to you? Does it change how you look at your relationship with Christ? Does it change how you view your connection to the church?
3. How did Abram respond to God's promise? What do you think "*he credited it to him as righteousness*" means in verse six?
4. What is God showing Abram through the dream described in verses 12-21?
5. God sealed the covenant with a blood contract. Usually, both parties pass through the slaughtered animals. What does it mean that God alone passed through the animals while Abram was asleep?
6. Who does the torch represent? How did this vision from God address Abram's doubts?

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. This passage begins with Abraham struggling to have confidence in God's promises. What can we learn from this passage about how to deal with our doubts and lack of confidence in the promises of God?
2. If you have ever had to wait a long time for God to fulfill a promise, what did you learn in the process about yourself? What did you learn about God and his way of making good?
3. Are there times when you have had to take God at His word without knowing the details? How does that affect your relationship with Him? What enables you to trust God? What prohibits your trust in God?
4. Share an area of your life you feel like God would want you to increase your faith—not how much you believe but your fidelity to obey?

Take Time:

It's important to remember the truth that God makes good! Take a look at the list below. Is there a topic and corresponding verse that especially resonates with you today? Perhaps there is something going on in your life right now and one of these promises that God makes good on speaks to that particular concern or desire. A. John 7:38-39a - "streams of living water." B. Micah 7:18-19 - compassion and forgiveness. C. John 14:27 - peace. D. 2 Corinthians 12:9 - grace. E. 2 Timothy 3:16 - "transformative power of scripture"



Daily Devotion



Prayer



Freedom from Strongholds



Serve the Community



Sacrificial Generosity



Share Your Story



Celebration