



DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 3

New Covenant

ICEBREAKER:

How does a time of difficulty or deprivation enable you to enjoy something you previously took for granted? Think of a few examples. They can range from the simple (such as being able to breathe through your nose again after a heavy head cold) to something really significant.

BIG IDEA:

Today's big idea: Sin won't get the final word... God's promise does!

DAILY BIBLE READING (*Optional*):

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

> Jeremiah 31:33-34; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Matthew 5:17-20; Luke 22:7-20; Hebrews 9:14-15

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

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:33-34

DISCUSSION:

1. Share what stood out to you from Pastor Brett'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 from the group read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What is the reason that the people of Israel need a new covenant? What reasons does Jeremiah give?
3. Describe the covenant that God will make with his people. How is this covenant 'new' and different from the one their ancestors had?
4. How is the forgiveness of sins different in the new covenant? How do we know our sins are forgiven?

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. Share a time in your life when you were in the deepest despair you have experienced. (If anyone is there now, have the group stop and pray for them)
2. During that time, what gave you the greatest hope or strength to get through it?
3. The old covenant tried to control conduct, but the new covenant changes character, so that people can love the Lord and one another, and want to obey God's will. The foundation of this new covenant is the work of Jesus on the cross. How can the truth of God being able to make things new, sustain you through everyday living?

Take Time:

This week, you are encouraged to spend some time praying through our Core52 verse. When you pray: thank God for providing a New Covenant and forgiving our sins (v.31-33); thank God for writing his law on our heart and putting His spirit in us (v.33); ask God for forgiveness in the ways you have sinned recently; ask God for strength, wisdom and love that helps us overcome our sin; pray for our ONE that they would discover God's love and come to recognize Jesus as Lord and Savior; pray for opportunities to speak to your ONE about Jesus (v.34).



Daily Devotion



Prayer



Freedom from Strongholds



Serve the Community



Sacrificial Generosity



Share Your Story



Celebration