

Homegroup Notes - Covenant 1 & 2
Sundays 25th Feb & 4th March

The purpose of the first talk was to outline the main features of covenant in the Old Testament and the fact that Jesus initiated a new covenant through the Last Supper / Cross / Resurrection.

Main features of a covenant in the OT - When a covenant was made it was usually done in the same way and it involved four different things: -

- a. It would be ratified in blood
 - b. It usually involves the exchange of property
 - c. It often included the change of a name
 - d. And it often involved the scarring of a person's flesh
1. Where can you see these stages of a covenantal agreement being made between God and Abram in the Book of Genesis?
 2. What are the benefits to Abram of the covenant agreement that God made with him?
 3. Using the four characteristics of a covenantal agreement (a-d), how do you see those being fulfilled by Jesus as He initiated the 'New Covenant'?

The purpose of the second talk was to start to explore how the covenant agreement between God and Abram (Abraham) shaped the relationship between God and "His people" through the generations. We started by looking at Moses, the way in which protection and provision was provided and the fact that everyone (even us) who are in the covenant relationship with God are 'representatives of the covenant' to others.

4. How did God provide protection and provision for Moses, as he represented the covenant agreement to the Israelites and Pharaoh? (*You may remember me speaking about 'tools and teams for tasks'*)
5. It is easy to think that we have little to offer, that we don't have any tools to do the things God's calling us to do. What can we learn about the way God equips us from the example of Moses?
6. Often, it seems easier to see how God has equipped others with 'tools' (gifts, qualities of character etc.) than it is to see how God is equipping us. Spend some time in prayer and discussion, talking about the tools you can see in the other people in your group.
7. Pray for guidance as to how these tools could be used, as representatives of the covenant, in our daily lives on our 'frontlines'.