



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

September 15, 2024

Genesis 17:1-27

“Our Covenant God”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. ICEBREAKER: What's the longest you've had to wait for something? (Traffic, DMV, post office, etc). How do you respond when the wait feels too long? What do you tend to do when you have a long wait somewhere (read, grab your phone, listen to music, etc.)?
2. Tony said, “God doesn't make a contract but a covenant; he doesn't hire employees, he adopts children.” What do we learn about the character of God from this text/sermon? How does our God differ from the Gods of Abram's day, and how do His promises differ from what the world promises today?
3. How is God's mercy on display in this text?
4. Do you ever feel like you have done so many bad things that the Lord is finished with you? What should we do when we feel this way?
5. Tony talked about a Hebrew term for God, “El Shaddai.” What does this mean? How does knowing God as “El Shaddai” encourage you and lead you to worship?
6. What areas of your life do you need to trust in the promises of God more? What promises from Scripture do you need to trust for that area?
7. Do you appreciate the persistence and patience of God in the midst of our doubts and failures?
8. How have you experienced the persistence and patience of God in the midst of your doubts and failures? What have you learned about God and his character in those places?
9. Are there areas he's calling you to surrender in order to obey him fully? How can the growth group encourage you in these things?
10. Abram's name changed to Abraham because of God's promise made to him: He will be a father of nations. As new believers are added into the fold of God's people, this promise fulfills even more so. Who can we pray for today in your life that needs to believe in Jesus?