



INTRODUCTION

After the disaster with Hagar, God comes to Abraham and Sarah once again and renews the covenantal promises of lineage, land and the Lord. He also gives the sign of the covenant: Circumcision.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Gen 17**
- Why do you think Abraham laughed at God?
- How are the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant, fulfilled in the New Covenant?
- Why is circumcision a good pointer to what God does within us?
- Why is circumcision no longer the sign of the covenant? Why did God change the sign?
- Why does God change their names?
- Why is Isaac the son of the promise and not Ishmael?

APPLICATION

- Why does Abraham bow before God (v1, v17). Do you ever respond to God with your body? Why or why not?
- Read Revelation 2:17. What does it mean you will get a new name?
- How do you know if you are "walking before God" (v1)?
- Are you delaying obedience?
- What nations can we pray for so that they too would share the faith and blessings of Abraham?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?