



CONVERSATION STARTER

Take some time to share your baptism story with the group.

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Read: Genesis 12:1-3; Hebrews 8:6-13

Pastor Josh described two main views on how God relates to his people — one emphasizing discontinuity (old vs. new) and one emphasizing continuity (one unfolding story).

1. Which view have you leaned toward in the past, and why?
2. How might seeing greater continuity between the Old and New Testaments change how we read Scripture?

Read: Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:15; Genesis 9:8-17; Genesis 15:6; Exodus 19:3-6; 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Each covenant showed God's faithfulness and pointed forward to Christ.

3. What do you notice about God's pattern of making promises and calling his people to obedience?
4. In what ways do we experience God's grace from his covenant promises established in the Old Testament?
5. In your own words as a group, how do the covenants build upon one another and toward the coming of Jesus?

Read: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:19-20; Hebrews 10:11-18

6. What's "new" about the New Covenant — and what's not new?
7. Pastor Josh said that at the peak of our unfaithfulness, God demonstrates that he is always faithful. Where have you seen that truth play out in your own life?

Conclusion: Baptism

8. Reflect on how the sermon has informed your understanding of the sacrament of baptism. What stood out to you? Has your theology pertaining to baptism changed? Why or why not? (As you share, please remember that others in the group may hold different views. Let's listen with respect and seek understanding rather than unnecessary dissensions)

NOTES**PRAYER PROMPT**

Take a moment as a group to reflect on God's faithfulness through the various covenants he established with his people (including us). Thank God for keeping his covenant promises, for his salvation through Christ, and for including us in his covenant people.

Pray that your understanding of baptism as a sign of God's faithfulness would deepen your trust in him and your joy in being part of his family. Ask God to help you live faithfully in response to his covenant promises, remembering that obedience flows from salvation, not the other way around.