



WARMUP

A RUN THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Discussion Questions for the week of April 16th

BIG IDEA: “Why the Old Testament?” And “What can Jr high students get out it?” The majority of churches and Christian culture only focus on the New Testament, but without a proper understanding of the Old, the New cannot be fully understood. Join us this week for the look through the covenants and promises God made with his people.

ICE BREAKER:

What is the last time you agreed to do a task or job for pay? What were the terms of the job and payment?

DISCUSSION:

1. Who has ever seen or signed a contract? What is a contract and a purpose of it?
2. On the back of this page is a sample contract- if someone doesn't up hold their end, then what? What does Party 2 have the right to do?
3. If you were at WAKE on Sunday, does anyone know what makes a covenant unique or different from a contract?
4. Throughout the story of the Old Testament we see that God pursues His people. When you think of the word pursue what comes to mind?

Read Genesis 15:1-19 (It is long and maybe suggest picking strong readers.)

4. In the first few verses what is Abram/Abraham in despair over?
5. Has God changed your identity? If God has changed your identity why is this so important?

Read Exodus 19:3-6

6. The second covenant God makes is with Moses, and he tells him that if he obeys Him, then the Israelites can be in right relationship with Him. Can the Israelites keep the law? Then why did God give them the law? *Hint: It was to show that they were sinful.*
7. Why did God command the Israelites to sacrifice a spotless lamb? What is so significant about it?
8. What was this lamb foreshadowing? *Hint: Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice*

Read 2 Samuel 7:9-16

9. Before God made this covenant with David what had David's life been defined by? *Running for his life, war, death, sadness*
10. What does God promise David and why is this so crucial?
11. Who is this covenant pointing to? Why can David put his hope in this man?
12. How does the Davidic Covenant apply to us? Why can we put our hope in the Living Hope, Jesus and not have to put our hope in this broken world or broken people?

APPLICATION:

Read Hebrews 10:1-10.

13. What requirements is God doing away with?
14. What is fulfilling those requirements?