

THE BIG PICTURE

Week 3

BRBC Groups

March 7, 2021

Scripture | Genesis 12:1-5, Genesis 17:1-10, Deuteronomy 5:1-22, Deuteronomy 11:18-23

**Ice
Breaker**

1. What do (or did) you hope to be doing at age 75?
2. Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? Or have you ever broken a promise? How did it feel?

**Going
Deeper**

3. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
4. According to the message, what was/is God's plan for humanity?
5. According to the message, why are covenants between peoples (equals) different from those between God and people?
6. In the message, David referenced John Donne's poem "No Man is an Island," what point was he making?
7. Read Genesis 12:1-5 and Genesis 17:1-10
8. What does God seek to achieve in establishing a covenant with Abraham and subsequently the Israelites?
9. Was God's covenant with Abraham unilateral or bilateral agreement? Why or why not?
10. What was the sign of that covenant?
11. When God enters into a covenant with he expects people to respond in obedience, faith, and love; how would you describe Abraham's response in the message?
12. David said via the Abrahamic covenant; God seeks to reveal himself to humanity in order to redeem them. What do you think of that claim?
13. David talked about God's character as compassionate, caring, slow to anger and rich in lovingkindness; how do we reconcile this with a God who acts severely when his covenant is broken?
14. By the time of the Exodus, the covenant was partly fulfilled; God could take the Israelites straight to Canaan; why did he direct them toward Mount Sinai?
15. What was the rationale behind the rules given in Deuteronomy 5:1-22 and 11:18-23?

16. Do you believe that God's covenant with Abraham partly fulfilled or fully fulfilled as we speak right now?
17. How do we best describe the old covenant vs the new covenant?
18. What is the significance of the new covenant?