

LIVING IN COVENANT

WEEK 5: RECONCILIATION

Small Group Discussion Guide // February 25, 2018

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that you heard for the first time or that challenged, intrigued, surprised, bothered, or confused you?
2. This week Pastor Carlos concluded our series on covenant by talking about reconciliation. What does it mean to be reconciled to someone? Where have you seen reconciliation in your life or the lives of those around you?
3. In each of the covenants we've discussed throughout this series – God's covenants with Adam (Genesis 3:14-19), Abraham (Genesis 15:18), Moses (Exodus 20:1-18), and David (2 Samuel 7:8-17) – God was the one who took the initiative and made the first move. Why do you think God was interested in making a covenant with them? Do you think God is still pursuing His creation the same way He did when making these covenants? Why?
4. Because people kept breaking God's covenant, He sent Jesus to be the fulfillment of each and every broken covenant on behalf of the world. Because of this, humanity has been reconciled with God through Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18). What implications does that have for our covenant relationship with God? Does the new covenant that was made by God – through the death and resurrection of Jesus – mean that we no longer need to adhere to Old Testament covenants? For example, do we need to obey the things like the Ten Commandments?
5. Those who are in Christ have been given His Spirit as an indwelling presence in their lives (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 1:4, 2 Timothy 1:14). God's presence is as close to us as our breath. The Spirit acts, among other things, as Counselor (John 14:16) and Guide (John 16:13). Does the Holy Spirit still guide people's lives today like He did in the lives of the early church? What hinders people from hearing from the Holy Spirit?
6. As you consider this week's teaching and our study together, what is one thing you need to remember or act on this week? How can you keep yourself accountable to act on it?