

LESSON 24

The Covenant of Circumcision

Genesis 17:1-27

WELCOME

A Time for **Assembly**

Introduction to gather together through an ice breaker (10 minutes)

To start: Share briefly if you had your legal name changed. How did the change of name get accomplished?

WORSHIP

A Time for **Adoration**

Inspiration to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading of Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty, by Robert Fitts (page 51)

Ancient of Days, by Jamie Harvill (page 50)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-27

WORD

A Time for **Admonition**

Instruction to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. From what is recorded in Genesis, God had not spoken to Abram since he decided to sleep with Hagar and she conceived a son (16:6). Thirteen years later, God broke His silence (17:1). What name of God did He reveal to Abram (17:1)?
2. What is the focal point of Genesis 17 (17:1,2)?
3. What is the difference between the Abrahamic Covenant and the Covenant of Circumcision (17:9-14)?

4. What are the specific blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant, that is, God's covenant with Abraham (17:6-8)?
5. What is the significance of God's act of changing the names of Abram and Sarai (17:5,15)?
6. Did Abraham fully understand right away that God will fulfill His promise through Sarah's giving birth to a son (17-18)?
7. How did God respond to Abraham's continuing uncertainty (17:19-21)?

WALK

A Time for **Accountability**

Invitation to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern) (about 35 minutes)

1. God oftentimes fulfills His promises to us in the course of several years. What promise of God have you been claiming that He has been fulfilling?
2. If you had failed to cling to God's promises to you, what renewal of faith in these promises will you make?
3. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and/or specific actions to be done in obedience to God's Word. As you intercede for each other, pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus.