



The Reaffirmation of the Covenant

JOSHUA 8:30–35



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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Give each GG member a minute to recall the most significant words their parents had ever told them that they would never forget. Then, let each GG member take turns sharing their answers with the group.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- [Every Promise of Your Word](#)
- [Shine Into Our Night](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will desire to follow God's Word more earnestly, carefully listening to God's good and wise instructions for them.
2. GG members will reaffirm their commitment to follow Jesus Christ, especially in the context of being a community set apart for God.

INTRODUCTION

Previously, we had learned about the narrative of Ai and Achan. We had drawn lessons about the reality of sin, particularly how it must be confronted and how it affects the community. We were also reminded of the restoration that can be found in the Lord when we obey Him. Our passage today is situated in the desire for this very obedience.

Joshua led the Israelites in remembering and renewing their covenant with God (vv. 30–35)

This brief account tells the story of how, after dealing with the sin that had crept into the community of Israel, Joshua led the Israelites to remember God's Word. In doing so, they renewed their covenant with the Lord before proceeding with their conquest of the Land.

1. What details can we find in the passage surrounding the construction of the altar? Where was it made? How was it built?
2. Who were the different groups of people involved in the story? Discuss with your group what the significance of the sojourners' inclusion could be. (cf. Leviticus 24:22)
3. Highlight every instance in the passage where the name of Moses is mentioned. What do you think is the effect of this? (cf. Deuteronomy 27-28)
4. What are some of the ways the author describes how the Law was read to the people? What parts of the Law were read? To whom was the Law read to?
5. In the context of the previous chapters of Joshua, what do you think was the point of Israel returning to the Word of God?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Application

God takes covenants seriously. Our Bibles are made up of the Old Covenant (Old Testament) and the New Covenant (New Testament). Our faith rests upon Christ's promise that those who put their faith in Him will have eternal life. Our hope of becoming more like Jesus is founded upon the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

At times, we may get so concerned with God's plan that we forget about God's Word. As you examine the week that has passed, how mindful were you of taking time out of your schedule to read your Bible? This coming week, how can you intentionally ensure that you will spend time listening to God's Word?

PRAYER ITEM

Dear Lord, You are the Maker and Sustainer of all, the Word who was in the beginning, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You have enabled us to know Your voice through Your Holy Scriptures, that today we may learn from You so that we can become like You. Teach us to be in awe of You, that we would allow our days to be interruptible by You, and that we would hunger and thirst for Your truths. We pray that You would help us to be faithful to Your instructions so that others may come to know the eternal life found in Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus' most perfect and holy Name. Amen. ■



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