

## ***A Celebration of God's Faithfulness – April 13 & 14, 2019***

### **Follow-up Bible Studies**

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#### **Day One: Genesis 9:8-17**

- Besides Noah and his sons, who else is included in the covenant God established (8-10, 12)? What do you make of the degree of inclusivity? Meditate on this phrase from verse 12: “a covenant for all generations to come.” Speak to the Lord about the far-reaching nature of his promises. How does it feel to know this particular promise is made to even you?
- Describe the Lord’s promise (11, 15). Why do you think he made it? Consider all the “never again” promises that are made to you in Christ. What is your response to this faithfulness?
- Describe “the sign of the covenant” (12-14, 17). For whom will it serve as a reminder (15)? If God needs reminders of his promises, we certainly do, too! What objects, symbols, memories, rituals, Bible passages, people, etc. help you to remember God’s faithfulness? How does such remembrance benefit you?

#### **Day Two: Deuteronomy 7:6-11**

- How does God classify his people (6)? In what ways do you sense you are set apart for him? How do you try to honor this distinction? What about collectively? As his church, how can we live out the promise that we are God’s “treasured possession”?
- What is one reason why God did *not* select this particular people group to call his own (7)? How can you as an individual and we as a church let go of trying to justify ourselves and instead rely on and celebrate God’s faithfulness? Perhaps there are some desperate areas of your life where this is your only option. Talk to the Lord about these trials. What is he speaking to your heart?
- What proves God’s steadfast commitment to his people (8)? What does this testify about his faithfulness and greatness (9)? How has the Lord demonstrated his greatness in your own life? What will God do to those who hate him (10)? How can we show the Lord that we love him (11)? How do *you* prove your love to God?

#### **Day Three: Psalm 25**

- What is it like for David to put his hope and trust in God (1-3)? What guidance does David desire (4-5)? As you’ve sought the Lord during this giving campaign, what has changed regarding where you put your hope and trust? How has God guided you?
- What sort of “selective memory” does David hope the Lord has (6-7, 11)? How does God lead those who seek him (8-10)? Meditate on the first part of verse 10; *all* the Lord’s ways are “loving and faithful.” For any doubts you have about this, speak to God. Ask him to help you celebrate his supreme faithfulness.
- What is David’s picture of life for those who fear the Lord (12-15)? Re-read verse 15 and praise God for his rescuing heart. When he holds you safe, may you respond in loyalty and generosity.
- Summarize David’s closing petitions (16-22). In light of life’s present struggles, which read like prayers of your own? Take time each day this week to commit them to memory.

#### **Day Four: Psalm 33**

- What does it look like to celebrate God’s faithfulness (1-5)? After partying like this at the conclusion of the campaign, how can we keep the party going in our hearts and actions? Re-read verse five. May you be quick to see all signs of God’s unfailing love.

- Describe God's faithfulness at work in the natural world (6-9). In verse eight "all the earth" includes much more than people. What can we learn from *all* of creation about how to revere the Lord?
- What about God's faithful interaction with humanity – how does that play out (10-15)? His plans "stand firm forever." How can you as an individual and we as a church partner with the Lord in his plans? How does *The Story Continues* fit into his big plan?
- Describe why it's so important that we're able to cling to God's faithfulness (16-22). Everything else may fail, but the Lord never will! As our church fulfills giving commitments over the next three years, make verses 20-22 your prayer.

#### **Day Five: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9**

- Why does Paul always thank God for the church in Corinth (4)? What evidence does Paul see of Jesus' work in their life (5)? When you see God's grace abounding in someone, what does it look like? What do you sense? How do you typically respond? How do you think the Lord wants you to respond? Re-read verse six. How do you think it felt for Paul to get confirmation of his testimony regarding the Corinthians?
- What has God supplied to the church in Corinth (7)? During what season (7)? What else will the Lord do for them (8)? And what will all of this result in (8)? What is the basis for Paul's assertion (9)? Apply these promises of God's faithfulness to yourself: Jesus gives you everything you need, and, like John 13:1, he will love you and keep you through to the end. Take your eyes off your own doubts and failures; lift them up to Jesus. What do you see?