

## **Bible Study - God's Kingdom (The Big Picture)**

### **Wk 3 - The promised Kingdom: Genesis 17:1-8, Galatians 3:1-16**

The Abrahamic covenant is a promise of the kingdom of God; a promise to reverse the effects of the fall. In Genesis 17 God repeats his promises confirming the covenant. In Galatians Paul points to Abraham

#### **Opening Question:?**

What is a covenant?

#### **Read Genesis 17:1-8**

1. God confirms his covenant by repeating his promises. List them under these headings
  - a) People
  - b) Land
  - c) Blessing
2. What is Abraham's response to God's promises? (Genesis 15:6)
3. How is Abraham's response a model for us? (Gal 3:6-9)
4. Abraham is called to live by faith (Genesis 12:1, 17:1, 17:17) , What do you think would have been most difficult?
  - (a) Is it easier or harder for us?

### **Read Galatians 3:6-16**

5. Paul begins this letter with 'You foolish Galatians!' How would you feel if our Bishop or someone like Billy Graham began a letter to our church like that?
  - (a) Why does he do this?
  
6. What does it mean in V10 to 'rely on observing the law'?
  - (a) What might that look like today?
  - (b) Why is this futile?
  
7. How can we tell the difference between religion driven things and those that are faith driven?
  
8. What does Paul say about Abraham in V6-9?
  - (a) Why do you think Paul chose him as an example (Gen 15:6, 18:18-19, 22:18, Habakkuk 2:4, Her 10:38)
9. How is it possible for us to receive God's blessing instead of the curse of judgement
  
10. How would you explain the truths of this passage to a non-believer??

### **Personal Reflection:**

1. When is it most difficult for you to believe in God's gospel promises
2. Can you think of any ways in which you try to please God by doing something other than focusing on him and your relationship with him?